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DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Plaintiff.

Case No. C-22-369697-1

Dept. No. 24

 $\|\mathbf{v}\mathbf{s}\|$

SOUTHWESTERN HEALTH

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Defendant.

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INFORMATION

The State of Nevada, by and through legal counsel, AARON D. FORD, Nevada Attorney General, and BEHNAZ SALIMIAN MOLINA, Senior Deputy Attorney General, informs this Honorable Court that SOUTHWESTERN HEALTH SOLUTIONS L.L.C., a Nevada limited liability company and the defendant above named, has committed the offense of: one (1) count of **SUBMITTING FALSE CLAIMS: MEDICAID FRAUD**, a Category D Felony in violation of NRS 422.540(1)(a) and NRS 422.540(2)(a) [NOC 56141], in Clark County, Nevada.

Defendant committed said offenses against the State of Nevada, Department of Health & Human Services, Health Care Financing and Policy Division – Nevada Medicaid (Medicaid) in the following manner:

From on or about December 31, 2017, to on or about December 26, 2018, Defendant SOUTHWESTERN HEALTH SOLUTIONS L.L.C. (SOUTHWESTERN) maintained an

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agreement with Medicaid to be a provider of services or goods. At all times pertinent to these allegations, SOUTHWESTERN maintained business and/or practice locations at 5410 Blue Oat Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89141, and/or off of Jones Boulevard in Las Vegas, which are both in Clark County. At all times pertinent to these allegations, SOUTHWESTERN was where: (1) services were purportedly provided to Medicaid recipients through SOUTHWESTERN; (2) claims with Medicaid recipients' information were submitted to Medicaid for payment for services purportedly provided through SOUTHWESTERN; (3) records for services purportedly provided to Medicaid recipients through SOUTHWESTERN were allegedly maintained; and/or (4) Tonda Renee Ward (Ward), through the operation of SOUTHWESTERN, directed or caused the submission of false claims to Medicaid for payment.

COUNT I

SUBMITTING FALSE CLAIMS: MEDICAID FRAUD Category D felony – NRS 422.540(1)(a) and NRS 422.540(2)(a)

Defendant SOUTHWESTERN, pursuant to a scheme or continuing course of conduct and with the intent to defraud, knowingly and intentionally made false claims or caused false claims to be made for payment from Medicaid, with the amount of the claims obtained or sought to be obtained aggregating \$650 or more, to wit:

From on or about December 31, 2017, to on or about December 26, 2018, in Clark County, Nevada, Defendant SOUTHWESTERN submitted and/or caused the submission of claims to Medicaid for payment asserting that specific behavioral health services or quantities of services were provided to Medicaid recipients through SOUTHWESTERN and requested reimbursement for provision of services. Defendant knew that such services were not actually provided. Ultimately, Defendant was paid \$650 or more as a result of the submission of false claims.

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All of which was committed in Clark County, Nevada, aggregating an amount greater than \$650, and constitutes a Category D Felony in violation of NRS 422.540. All of which is contrary to form, force and effect of the statutes in such cases made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Nevada. Furthermore, complainant makes this declaration subject to the penalty of perjury. DATED this 27th day of November 2022. AARON D. FORD Attorney General By: /s/ Behnaz Salimian Molina BEHNAZ SALIMIAN MOLINA (Bar. No. 13752) Senior Deputy Attorney General