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ATTORNEY GENERAL FORD ANNOUNCES SENTENCING OF UNQUALIFIED MEDICAID SERVICES PROVIDER

Las Vegas, NV – Nevada Attorney General Aaron D. Ford announced that Brittany Laytoya Jackson, 29, of Las Vegas, was sentenced today in a Medicaid fraud case involving failure to maintain records for healthcare services for Medicaid recipients.

Jackson was sentenced for a Gross Misdemeanor offense of Intentional Failure to Maintain Adequate Records by Judge Mary Kay Holthius. Judge Holthius sentenced Jackson to 364 days incarceration, suspended, and placed her on probation for three years. As part of the sentence, Jackson was ordered to pay over \$4,300 in restitution and costs. The fraud occurred between April 2017 and July 2017.

"This conviction sends a clear message to healthcare providers to be completely truthful in their application to become a Nevada Medicaid provider," said AG Ford.

The investigation began after the MFCU received a complaint from an employee of a Medicaid contracted provider stating that the provider was allowing her education credentials to be utilized by prospective Nevada Medicaid providers to qualify as a Qualified Mental Health Associate ("QMHA") and become a Nevada Medicaid provider. The investigation revealed that Defendant utilized altered college transcripts belonging to another person as her own in her application to Nevada Medicaid to become a QMHA. Thereafter, Defendant obtained employment with at least two Rehabilitative Mental Health ("RMH") providers and purportedly provided PsychoSocial Rehabilitative ("PSR") and case management services for which the RMH providers submitted claims to Medicaid and were reimbursed for such services and for which required documentation supporting such purported services were not maintained by Defendant.

The MFCU investigates and prosecutes financial fraud by those providing healthcare services or goods to Medicaid patients. The MFCU also investigates and prosecutes instances of elder abuse or neglect. Persons convicted of Medicaid fraud may also be

administratively excluded from future Medicaid and Medicare participation. Anyone wishing to report suspicions regarding any of these concerns may contact the MFCU at 702-486-3420 or 775-684-1100.

The case was prosecuted by Steve Sidhu, Senior Deputy Attorney General.

To view the criminal information, click <u>here</u>. To file a complaint with the Office of the Nevada Attorney General, click <u>here</u>.

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