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## Attorney General Ford Announces Conviction of Health Care Provider and Her Company in Medicaid Fraud Case

**Las Vegas, NV** – Today, Attorney General Aaron D. Ford announced that Sharbrittany Danielle Chambers, 33, of Las Vegas, and Acute Care of Nevada, LLC ("Acute Care"), were sentenced today in a Medicaid fraud case involving billing for services that were not provided to Medicaid recipients.

Acute Care was sentenced for a category D felony offense of Submitting False Claims, Medicaid Fraud and Sharbrittany Danielle Chambers was sentenced for a Gross Misdemeanor offense of Intentional Failure to Maintain Adequate Records by District Court Judge Eric Johnson. Judge Johnson sentenced Chambers to 364 days in jail, suspended, and placed her on probation for one year. As part of the sentence, Acute Care was also ordered to pay \$82,561 in restitution. The fraud occurred between January 2018 and April 2020.

The investigation began after the MFCU received a complaint from a Qualified Mental Health Professional against Acute Care, a Rehabilitative Mental Health ("RMH") Medicaid provider. The complaint alleged that Acute Care was fraudulently creating progress notes and billing Nevada Medicaid for recipient services that were never provided. Thereafter, the MFCU received a second complaint against Acute Care from Silver Summit whose audit showed Acute Care was missing records and exceeding billing limitations. This investigation revealed that Chambers, through Acute Care, submitted fraudulent claims to Medicaid asserting that RMH services were provided to recipients when in fact they were not. The lack of services and the fraudulent claims were substantiated by the providers and the recipients and missing progress notes in the Acute Care's patient files.



Further, Chambers and Acute Care failed to maintain the required documentation supporting such purported services.

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. The Nevada MFCU receives 75% of its funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under a grant award. The remaining 25% is funded by the State of Nevada, MFCU. 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.

File a complaint with the Office of the Nevada Attorney General.

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