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ATTORNEY GENERAL FORD ANNOUNCES SENTENCING OF OWNER AND HEALTH CARE COMPANY

Las Vegas, NV – Today, Nevada Attorney General Aaron D. Ford announced that Ladenia Denise Turner, 41, of Las Vegas, and Infinite Wellness Group, LLC ("Infinite Wellness"), were sentenced today in a Medicaid fraud case involving billing for services that were not provided to Medicaid recipients.

Turner and Infinite Wellness were each sentenced for a category D felony offense of Submitting False Claims, Medicaid Fraud by District Court Judge Monica Trujillo. Judge Trujillo sentenced Turner to nineteen to forty-eight months in prison, suspended, and placed her on probation for twenty-four months. As part of the sentence, Infinite Wellness was also ordered to pay \$1,430,000 in restitution. The fraud occurred between June 2018 and December 2019. Individuals or businesses convicted of Medicaid fraud may also be administratively excluded from future Medicaid and Medicare participation.

The investigation began after the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) received a referral from Nevada Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Health Care Financing & Policy (DHCFP) against Infinite Wellness, a Rehabilitative Mental Health ("RMH") provider, based on a complaint from an independent contractor. DCHFP conducted an investigation and alleged that Infinite Wellness submitted claims and received payments



for services which were misrepresented to DHCFP and/or not provided, documented, or billed according to their contract with DHCFP. The investigation revealed that Turner as the owner, through Infinite Wellness, submitted 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 purported providers under whose name Infinite Wellness submitted claims. Further, Turner and Infinite Wellness 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 percent of its funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under a grant award. The remaining 25 percent 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.

This case was investigated by the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and was prosecuted by Senior Deputy Attorney General Steve Sidhu.

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

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