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Attorney General's Office Announces Sentencing of Las Vegas Woman and Behavioral Health Company

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**Las Vegas, NV** – Today, Nevada Attorney General Aaron D. Ford announced that Niesha Allen, of Las Vegas, as well as her company, Supportive Outreach Services, Inc., were sentenced for Medicaid Fraud.

The Honorable Judge Bita Yeager adjudicated Allen guilty of Submitting False Claims: Medicaid Fraud, a felony. As part of her sentence, Allen was sentenced to 19-48 months in the Nevada Department of Corrections (suspended) and was placed on probation for six (6) to twenty-four (24) months. Additionally, Supportive Outreach Services, Inc. (SOS) was convicted of Submitting False Claims: Medicaid Fraud, a felony. Total restitution to be paid in the cases amounted to over \$140,000.00.

The investigation of this case began after the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) received a referral from Nevada Medicaid's Surveillance and Utilization Review (SUR) unit. The investigation showed that from January 2020 until November 2020, Allen, through SOS, submitted numerous claims to Medicaid for reimbursement using the identification of multiple Medicaid servicing/rendering providers. SOS represented to Medicaid that certain behavioral health style services were provided by these servicing providers. The providers interviewed denied providing said services to Medicaid recipients. Recipients interviewed also denied receiving said services from SOS. Additionally, SOS and Allen did not have records to substantiate numerous services allegedly provided.

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. 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 file a complaint with the Office of the Nevada Attorney General, click here.

The Criminal Information for Allen and SOS are attached.