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ATTORNEY GENERAL FORD ANNOUNCES SENTENCING OF HEALTHCARE PROVIDER

Las Vegas, NV – Today, Nevada Attorney General Aaron D. Ford announced that Robert Kutner was sentenced for fraudulently billing Nevada Medicaid and failing to maintain records to substantiate claims made to Medicaid. The fraud occurred between January 2018 and September 2022.

District Court Judge Pete Thunell sentenced Kutner for Intentional Failure to Maintain Adequate Records, a gross misdemeanor. Kutner was sentenced to 364 days in jail, suspended, and placed on probation for one year. As part of the conviction, Kutner was ordered to pay restitution of over \$167,000 to Medicaid for the fraudulently obtained funds. 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 a Managed Care Organization contracted with Nevada Medicaid. The referral involved allegations of Kutner having a high volume of billing for certain codes and there were days of service billed that represented an impossible number of hours for one person to work. The investigation revealed that Kutner submitted claims or allowed the submission of claims to Medicaid for services that were never provided. The investigation

also showed Kutner did not have the documentation to substantiate the claims made to Medicaid for reimbursement.

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 Behnaz Salimian Molina.

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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