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HEALTHCARE WORKER JESSICA ENAMORADO SENTENCED FOR MEDICAID FRAUD

Las Vegas – The Office of the Nevada Attorney General has announced that Las Vegan Jessica Enamorado, age 39, was sentenced for Medicaid Fraud. Enamorado pled guilty to a gross misdemeanor offense: Intentional Failure to Maintain Adequate Records. Judge Melisa De La Garza sentenced her to 90 days in jail, suspended, 3 years of probation, and payment of $18,700.00 in restitution, penalties and costs. The case was investigated and prosecuted by the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU).

"The integrity of the Medicaid system must be protected," said Attorney General Cortez Masto. "This office will aggressively pursue and prosecute those people who would steal from Medicaid and at the same time cheat recipients out of receiving necessary care. We are sending a message to those in the health care community that Medicaid fraud will be punished. Additionally, the money we recover is returned to the system for use by those in need of services."

Persons convicted of Medicaid fraud may also be subject to exclusion from future Medicaid participation.

In 2009, Nevada Medicaid provided information to the MFCU that Enamorado was suspected of not providing personal care services to a Medicaid recipient for which she was receiving payment from Medicaid. Medicaid has a personal care assistant program to keep people living independently in their own homes by providing basic services, including bathing, dressing, cleaning and meal preparation. Enamorado was employed by a home care company to provide the actual day-to-day care for the recipient. It was discovered that Enamorado had failed to provide care services for the patient for whom she was employed, yet claimed that she performed the services and received payment as if she had actually performed the services.

The Nevada Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit investigates and prosecutes financial fraud by those providing healthcare services or goods to Medicaid patients. The unit also investigates and prosecutes instances of elder abuse or neglect. Anyone wishing to report suspicions regarding any of these concerns may contact the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in Carson City (775) 684-1191 or in Las Vegas (702) 486-3187. Medicaid fraud information can also be found on the Attorney General's web site: **http://ag.state.nv.us**