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Attorney General Ashley Moody News Release

AG Moody Announces Arrest of Service Provider for Disabled Patients for Medicaid Fraud



TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit is announcing the arrest of the owner of a home and community-based services company for Medicaid provider fraud. Leslie Diane Minor, owner of Minors Helping Hands Support Services, allegedly caused a loss of more than \$12,000 to Florida Medicaid for billing for services never rendered.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “This home and community-based services provider overbilled Medicaid by more than \$12,000. Her company billed for services not rendered to disabled adult patients for over a year and a half. Our Medicaid Fraud Control Unit put a stop to her scheme ripping off taxpayers and the Medicaid program.”

According to the investigation, Minor owned Minors Helping Hands Support Services, a Jacksonville-based company that assisted with day training for adults with developmental disabilities. During the time period of June 2019 through December 2022, Minor billed for services never rendered to four Medicaid recipients causing a total loss to Medicaid of \$12,335.

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office assisted in the arrest of Minor, who faces one count of Medicaid provider fraud, a second-degree felony.

Attorney General Moody's MFCU will prosecute the case through an agreement with the State Attorney's Office for the Fourth Judicial Circuit.

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The Florida Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit investigates and prosecutes providers that intentionally defraud the state's Medicaid program through fraudulent billing practices. Medicaid fraud essentially steals from Florida's taxpayers. Additionally, the MFCU investigates allegations of patient abuse, neglect, and exploitation in facilities receiving payments under the Medicaid program.

The Florida MFCU is funded through a grant totaling \$29,707,695 for Federal Fiscal Year 2024, from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services-Office of Inspector General. The Federal Share of these funds is 75% totaling \$22,280,772. The State Matching Share of these funds is 25% totaling \$7,426,923 and is funded by Florida.