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Attorney General Complaints Allege Medicaid Fraud at Carlsbad-area Mental Health Center

Carlsbad, NM - Attorney General Hector Balderas' office today charged four top personnel at Carlsbad Mental Health Center with Medicaid fraud and also brought charges against the center as a corporation. Criminal complaints against the four individuals— Michael Stoll, Noel Clark, Darrill Woodfield and John Bain—and the corporation were filed June 2, 2015, in Eddy County Magistrate Court. The corporation and each of the individuals was charged with eight counts of Medicaid fraud under the Medicaid Fraud Act, one count of conspiracy and one count of fraud involving non-Medicaid funds.

“We will aggressively defend victims of fraud and abuse by prosecuting providers who violate the public trust,” Attorney General Balderas said. “The Medicaid Fraud and Elder Abuse Division is actively investigating Medicaid fraud across the state to keep pressure on New Mexico medical and behavioral health providers to work honestly on the public’s behalf.

“The charges against Carlsbad Mental Health Center come from our statewide efforts to pursue Medicaid providers who defraud the public,” he continued. “The Office of the Attorney General Medicaid Fraud and Elder Abuse Division welcomes the reporting of any and all concerns from the public and is committed to collaborating with state agencies that fund Medicaid providers to put a stop to fraudulent practices.”

The criminal complaints were filed by the Medicaid Fraud and Elder Abuse Division of the Office of Attorney General, a division that accepts reports from members of the public and is active statewide.

To report Medicaid fraud, call 1-800-525-6519.

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