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## **Attorney General Balderas Clears Final Two Behavioral Health Providers; No Fraud Found in Any of the 15 Providers Audited by PCG**

*Santa Fe, NM* – In a letter sent to legislators this morning, Attorney General Hector Balderas cleared Pathways and TeamBuilders, the remaining providers in the Behavioral Health Investigation, of fraud. Upon taking office in 2015, Attorney General Balderas released the PCG audit in its entirety with minimal redactions, and made it a priority to complete the 12 pending behavioral health investigations to bring transparency and accountability to the process. The PCG audit and the Human Services Department alleged there was \$36 million in overbilling by the providers. In its separate investigation, based on the allegations of the PCG and OptumHealth audits, the Office of the Attorney General found there was approximately \$1.16 million in overbilling and no evidence of fraud.

“Our thorough investigation of the providers concluded that there was not a pattern of fraud, despite the actions of the Human Services Department in finding credible allegations of fraud and freezing funding to 15 providers across New Mexico in 2013,” said Attorney General Balderas. “It now falls to the Human Services Department to take timely and appropriate administrative action to resolve this regrettable situation to ensure that tens of thousands of vulnerable New Mexicans receive their critical services. The department must find a way to fight fraud that does not put services to the most vulnerable at risk or result in hundreds of New Mexicans losing their jobs.”

See attached for a copy of the letter from Attorney General Balderas to the legislators. Click here to view all of the investigative reports: <http://www.nmag.gov/2013-behavioral-health-audit.aspx>

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## Attorney General of New Mexico

**HECTOR H. BALDERAS**  
Attorney General

April 5, 2016

*Via Email*

Honorable Legislators  
New Mexico State Capitol  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

RE: Behavioral Health Investigation

Dear Honorable Members of the Legislature:

My office, in collaboration with auditing firm RSM, has completed its investigation of the final two behavioral health providers, Pathways and TeamBuilders. As with the previous ten investigations, although the investigation identified some regulatory violations, we were unable to substantiate a deliberate or intentional pattern of fraud. These investigations will now be forwarded to HSD for any administrative action they deem appropriate. All investigations are available on the website of the Office of the Attorney General at <http://www.nmag.gov/2013-behavioral-health-audit.aspx>.

My interest in releasing the behavioral health audit and completing these investigations has been to provide the public with a fully transparent and thorough review of all providers, while mitigating the harmful impact caused by the disruption of services to vulnerable New Mexicans.

Please do not hesitate to contact my Office should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hector Balderas".

Hector Balderas