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Silver Spring Man Convicted of Felony Medicaid Fraud and Ordered to Pay \$26,405 in Fines and Restitution

Baltimore, MD (Sept. 22, 2015) -- Attorney General Brian E. Frosh announced today that a Silver Spring man was convicted of Medicaid fraud after submitting invoices for personal care when the recipient of the services had moved out of state.

Joseph Peet, 47, pleaded guilty to Medicaid fraud this week in Montgomery County Circuit Court. Mr. Peet was an authorized personal care provider in the Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waiver Program, and had been providing personal care for an individual in Silver Spring. Even though the recipient moved from her residence, and eventually to California, Mr. Peet continued to sign and submit invoices for services he did not provide. He was accused of submitting \$17,603 in false claims in 2013 and 2014.

Mr. Peet was ordered by Montgomery County Circuit Court Judge Ann S. Harrington to pay \$26,405 in restitution and damages, and will be prohibited from being a provider in any federally funded health care program. He also received a five-year prison sentence, which was suspended.

Attorney General Frosh thanked Assistant Attorney General Jennifer S. Forsythe and Medicaid Fraud Control Unit investigators Ann Thiel and Mark Holback for their work on the case.