



PRESS RELEASE

**Center for Social Change, Developmental Disability Administration
Provider, to Pay \$331,000 for Medicaid Fraud
*Services Not Provided to Residents in Community-Based Housing and
Improperly billed to Medicaid***

BALTIMORE, MD (September 12, 2016) - Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh announced today that Center for Social Change, Inc., based in Elkridge, Maryland, will pay \$331,000 to the State of Maryland to resolve allegations that the non-profit organization received payments from the state Medicaid program for staffing that it did not provide to group homes for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Center for Social Change is responsible for providing community-based housing and other support services to persons with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Staffing in homes is based on an evaluation of individual needs, and payment is administered by the Developmental Disabilities Administration. In 2011, the Center for Social Change understaffed 15 of its 30 homes but accepted payments from the Administration for full staffing.

Attorney General Frosh thanked Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Director Ilene J. Nathan, Assistant Attorney General Jennifer S. Forsythe, Auditor Carol Kelly and Investigator Valerie Puig for their work on this case. Attorney General Frosh also thanked the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Office of the Inspector General for its assistance.