



## PRESS RELEASE

---

### **AG Frosh: Owings Mills Man Sentenced to One Year for Theft from Medicaid Program** *Andrew O'Neil Brown Ordered to Pay Restitution of \$80,400*

**Baltimore, MD (May 17, 2016)** -- Attorney General Brian E. Frosh announced today that the Honorable Robert E. Cahill, Jr., Circuit Court for Baltimore County, sentenced Andrew O'Neil Brown, 45, of Owings Mills, Maryland, to ten years in jail, with all but one year suspended. Brown is ordered to pay restitution of \$80,400, and will be on probation for five years. Brown entered a guilty plea to theft over \$100,000 on March 23, 2016, before Judge Cahill.

"Mr. Brown and his office abused the Medicaid program, which was designed to help low-income patients and families most in need," said Attorney General Frosh. "We are pleased with the outcome of this case, and hope that this sends a message that our office is cracking down on exploitative and fraudulent practices."

Andrew O'Neil Brown was the owner of Generation Counseling Center ("Generation"), which used a business address in Owings Mills, Maryland, and an office location at 5900 York Road, Baltimore (City), Maryland, for its mental health therapy group practice.

From December 20, 2011, to December 10, 2013, Brown fraudulently billed the Medicaid program for mental health therapy services. The services were allegedly provided by two social workers one of whom never worked for Generation and never provided services to any Generation recipients. The other social worker worked for Generation, but Generation billed Medicaid for services she did not provide.

In addition, Brown purported to personally provide mental health therapy services to a number of Medicaid recipients and fraudulently submitted those claims to Medicaid for payment. Brown was not qualified to provide any mental health therapy services. The fraudulent billing resulted in excess of \$100,000 in payments to Brown.

Medicaid is a health-care program for families and children and certain other individuals who qualify based on income levels, disability, and certain other circumstances. Theft over \$100,000 is a felony and is punishable by up to 25 years of incarceration and up to a \$25,000 fine.

In making this announcement, Attorney General Frosh thanked Assistant Attorney General John McLane and Medicaid Fraud Control Unit investigator James Hagin for their work on this case.