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### **Former Social Worker Pleads Guilty to Felony Theft Scheme**

**BALTIMORE, MD (April 12, 2017)** – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh announced today that Rosemary Jeanette McDowall, 63, of Silver Spring, MD, pled guilty to one count of felony theft scheme having a value of at least \$10,000 but less than \$100,000.

McDowall filed numerous fraudulent insurance claims for services provided as a Licensed Certified Social Worker from November 2008 through June 2013. McDowall's license to provide counseling services had been suspended since 2005. In 2013 she pled guilty in federal court to a crime involving fraudulent claims of \$151,000 made to Blue Cross Blue Shield. Despite her suspension and guilty plea in federal court, McDowall continued to file fraudulent claims. McDowall stole a total of \$96,567 from United Healthcare Services, Aetna, Incorporated and Cigna Corporation. McDowall's license to provide counseling services as an LCSW is now revoked by the Maryland State Board of Social Work Examiners.

“Stealing from insurance companies and defrauding taxpayers is inexcusable and illegal,” said Attorney General Frosh. “Our office will continue to prosecute claims of insurance fraud to ensure that honest, law-abiding citizens no longer have to pay the price. Thanks to the hard work of the investigative team at the Maryland Insurance Administration, our prosecutors were able to bring this provider to justice.”

Insurance Commissioner Al Redmer, Jr. said “We take seriously our role to investigate claims of insurance fraud when we become aware of it. We worked closely with the Attorney General and his team of professionals to fully investigate the situation and take appropriate action. The entire team did a thorough job with this case.”

Theft of at least \$10,000 but less than \$100,000 is a felony punishable by a maximum sentence of 15 years incarceration and a \$15,000 fine. Sentencing is scheduled for June 23, 2017, in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant Attorney General Jerry E. Jones of the Insurance Fraud Unit of the Maryland Attorney General's Office with assistance from Maryland Insurance Administration Investigator Suzanne Jones and Forensic Auditor J.C. Hamilton.