



PRESS RELEASE

Hagerstown Pediatrician Agrees to Pay \$49,000 to State of Maryland

Payment Resolves Allegations of Violating Terms of Vaccine Program

BALTIMORE, MD (June 20, 2017) - Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh announced today that Mohammed Tariq, M.D., a pediatrician practicing in Hagerstown, Maryland, will pay \$49,000 to the State of Maryland to resolve allegations that he violated the terms of his participation agreement with the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program.

The State contended that beginning January 1, 2012 through March 16, 2015, certain vaccines which were received at no cost by Dr. Tariq from the VFC Program solely for use with children who qualified for the program, were instead administered to Dr. Tariq's private pay patients. The State also contended that Dr. Tariq continued to submit claims to Medicaid for services rendered under the VFC Program despite the fact that the administration of VFC vaccine inventory to private pay patients violated the terms of his participation agreement with the program. Dr. Tariq agreed to pay \$49,000 to resolve these allegations.

Attorney General Frosh thanked the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, particularly Assistant Attorney General Lisa Cameron, Auditor Raymond Brewer and Investigator Prashani Mankhusu 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.