



PRESS RELEASE

Pikesville Health Care Company to Pay Nearly \$500,000 for Health Care Fraud

BALTIMORE, MD (April 12, 2018) – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh today announced that his office obtained a judgment of \$491,922.02 against A1 Reliable Medical & Healthcare Services, Inc., based in Pikesville, and its owner, Bernadette Nwanguma, (collectively “Reliable”) for health care fraud.

The Office of Attorney General filed a lawsuit in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County when Reliable failed to comply with its obligations under a 2014 settlement agreement. That settlement resolved allegations that Reliable submitted claims to the state’s Medicaid program for durable medical equipment and disposable medical supplies for which the company did not have a prescriber’s order or certification of continuous medical need, or for which it had not obtained a proof of delivery. The settlement also covered allegations that Reliable submitted claims for payment for home health care services provided by individuals who did not possess the requisite professional licenses.

“This company agreed to operate lawfully and comply with the terms of the 2014 settlement agreement,” said Attorney General Frosh. “A1 failed to live up to its obligations. We sued the company and its owner, resulting in nearly a half-million dollar judgment in favor of the State.”

Attorney General Frosh thanked the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, particularly Assistant Attorney General Adam T. Sampson for his work on this matter. Attorney General Frosh also thanked the Maryland Department of Health for its assistance.