



PRESS RELEASE

Prince George's County Social Worker Pleads Guilty to Felony Medicaid Fraud

BALTIMORE, MD (August 17, 2018) - Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh announced today that Shavon Jones, 42, of Clinton, pleaded guilty to one count of felony Medicaid Fraud for submitting claims that caused the Maryland Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid) to reimburse Jones approximately \$18,000 for services that she did not provide.

Baltimore City Circuit Court Judge Yolanda Tanner sentenced Jones to a five-year suspended sentence, five years of unsupervised probation, and ordered her to pay court costs and a fine of \$3,000. Judge Tanner also ordered restitution to Medicaid in the amount of \$11,834.25.

Jones is a licensed clinical social worker-certified who operated a private mental health practice. From November 2013 through June 2016, Jones submitted false claims in connection with her private mental health practice. Specifically, Jones submitted claims to Medicaid and was reimbursed for services that she did not provide to her clients.

Attorney General Frosh thanked the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit for obtaining this result, specifically Assistant Attorney General Tracee Orlove Fruman, Investigator James Hagin, and Investigator Gordon Carew. Attorney General Frosh also thanked the Maryland Department of Health, Office of Inspector General for its assistance.