



PRESS RELEASE

Baltimore City Woman Sentenced for Medicaid Fraud

BALTIMORE, MD (August 19, 2019) - Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh announced today that Mariah Larease Moore, 25, was convicted of felony Medicaid fraud related to the purported care of her grandmother. Anne Arundel County Circuit Court Judge Laura S. Ripken sentenced Moore to one year incarceration, all suspended, placed her on three years probation, and ordered more than \$29,000 in restitution to the Medicaid program.

According to documents filed in court, Moore worked for Abel Health Care, Inc., which was owned by Moore's mother and located in Towson. Abel was an authorized provider of services to Medicaid recipients. Her services included in-home, personal care services, consisting of assistance with such things as dressing, bathing, grooming, toileting, and the administration of medicines.

From December 2013 through February 2016, Moore fraudulently represented to Medicaid on numerous occasions that she was caring for her grandmother through Abel when Moore was, in fact, not doing so and could not have been doing so. During that time period, Moore was working at another job located in Baltimore County.

In making today's announcement, Attorney General Frosh thanked the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, specifically Assistant Attorney General Marilee Miller, Senior Investigative Auditor Todd Sheffer, and Fraud Investigators Prashani Mankhusu and Carl Stambaugh. Attorney General Frosh also thanked the Maryland Department of Health, Medicaid Provider Services - ISAS Division for their assistance with the investigation and prosecution of the case.