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### **Baltimore County Woman Sentenced for Medicaid Fraud**

**BALTIMORE, MD (September 9, 2019)** – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh today announced that Shelia Vines, 55, was convicted of felony Medicaid fraud based on fraudulent claims that she was providing care for a minor with developmental disabilities and autism. Anne Arundel County Circuit Court Judge Laura S. Ripken sentenced Vines to three years incarceration, all suspended, five years probation, and ordered restitution to the Medicaid program of more than \$18,900.

According to documents filed in court, Vines worked for Abel Health Care, Inc., located in Towson. Abel was an authorized provider of in-home personal care services to Medicaid recipients, including assistance with basic daily functions like dressing, bathing, grooming, toileting, and the administration of medicines.

From October 2015 through October 2017, Vines fraudulently represented to Medicaid on more than 215 different occasions that she was caring for her assigned beneficiary through Abel when Vines was actually working at another job in Baltimore City.

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 its assistance with the investigation and prosecution of the case.