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### **Baltimore City Professional Counselor Pleads Guilty to Felony Medicaid Fraud**

**BALTIMORE, MD (August 7, 2020)** - Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh today announced that Roshun J. Harris, 40, of Randallstown, pleaded guilty to one count of felony Medicaid Fraud for submitting claims that caused the Maryland Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid) to reimburse Harris more than \$18,000 for services that she did not provide.

Baltimore City Circuit Court Judge Althea N. Handy sentenced Harris to five years incarceration, all suspended, five years of supervised probation, and ordered Harris to pay restitution to Medicaid in the amount of \$18,408.79. As a condition of Harris's probation, Harris is prohibited from working for any provider in a federally-funded health care program for five years.

Harris is a licensed clinical professional counselor who operated a private mental health practice. From January 2012 through May 2017, Harris submitted false claims in connection with her private mental health practice. Specifically, Harris submitted claims to Medicaid and was reimbursed for services that she did not provide to her clients because her clients were either hospitalized or at work, and not meeting with Harris in their homes.

In making today's announcement, Attorney General Frosh thanked the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, specifically Assistant Attorney General James McHale, Senior Investigator Mark Holback, and Investigator Alice Halle. Attorney General Frosh also thanked the Maryland Department of Health, Office of Inspector General for its assistance.

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