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Attorney General Frosh Announces \$40.5 Million Multistate Settlement with Apria Healthcare Group, Inc. and Apria Healthcare, LLC

BALTIMORE, MD (January 8, 2021) – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh today announced a multistate settlement with Apria Healthcare LLC (Apria) to settle allegations that Apria submitted false claims to state Medicaid programs for the ongoing rental of non-invasive ventilators (NIV) that patients were not using or that were not medically necessary. As part of the settlement, Apria will pay \$40.5 million dollars, of which the State of Maryland will receive \$208,187.49 in restitution and other recoveries.

Specifically, the State of Maryland alleges that from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2019, Apria repeatedly violated the state False Health Claims Act by submitting claims to Medicaid for reimbursement for NIV rentals when the NIVs were not medically necessary or reasonable due to the lack of continued use or continued need by the Medicaid patients, or when certain NIV models, which were only to be used in a bi-level pressure support setting, were medically unnecessary.

“Apria cheated the State’s Medicaid program by billing for services that were unnecessary,” said Attorney General Frosh. “Submitting false claims for reimbursement from the State steals funds from patients who need legitimate health care services.”

Attorney General Frosh thanked the United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York for collaborating on this case, as well as attorneys general for the states of California, Florida, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, and Washington. He also thanked the state Medicaid Fraud Control Unit for its work in this case, specifically Assistant Attorney General Raja Mishra.