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Two North Jersey Adult Medical Day Care Centers Will Pay \$650,000 to Settle Medicaid Fraud Allegations

TRENTON -- The Office of the State Comptroller, Medicaid Fraud Division (MFD), has reached settlements with two adult medical day care centers, recovering a combined \$650,000 for the New Jersey Medicaid program.

Each case involved a lack of record keeping over a five-year period. The two facilities investigated are Broadway Adult Day Care ("Broadway") in Fair Lawn and Bayonne Adult Medical Day Care ("Bayonne"). In each case, MFD determined that the facility did not maintain required documentation to demonstrate that the services that were billed on a daily basis to the Medicaid program were, in fact, performed. Specifically, MFD found that Broadway was unable to produce evidence for a range of services, such as its efforts to assist Medicaid beneficiaries in their Activities of Daily Living and blood glucose monitoring. Bayonne was unable to produce similar documentation as well as records showing that patient monitoring was being consistently rendered in accordance with physician orders. Under State law and regulation, providers are required to document these prescribed daily services to evidence that the services were actually provided to Medicaid recipients. MFD recovered \$325,000 in each case.

"Proper record keeping is essential, as it documents the services that were provided and paid for," State Comptroller Philip James Degnan said. "All Medicaid service providers must maintain complete and accurate records for our review."

MFD serves as the State's independent watchdog for New Jersey's various Medicaid programs and works to ensure that the State's Medicaid dollars are being spent effectively and efficiently. As part of its oversight role, MFD audits and investigates health care providers, managed care organizations and Medicaid recipients to identify and recover improperly expended Medicaid funds.

Suspected Medicaid fraud can be reported to the MFD by calling its hotline toll-free at 1-888-937-2835 or by submitting a complaint form located at

http://www.state.nj.us/comptroller/divisions/medicaid/complaint.
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