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Passaic County Doctor Agrees to Pay \$480,000 For Alleged Medicaid Overpayments

TRENTON – A Passaic County doctor has entered into a settlement with the Office of the State Comptroller, Medicaid Fraud Division (“MFD”). The terms of the settlement include the payment of \$480,000 and upon payment, the lifting of a 2016 Medicaid payment suspension.

Michael D. Nathan, D.O., who has offices in Paterson and Passaic, was the subject of an investigation by the MFD. MFD investigators determined that Nathan submitted claims for evaluation and management visits that were not supported by the documentation in his records and which were used incorrectly to bill for preventive visits at higher rates than permissible under the Medicaid program.

“To uphold the integrity of the Medicaid program, it is essential for Medicaid providers to maintain accurate and complete patient records and to bill the program based on those records,” State Comptroller Philip James Degnan said.

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 and identify and redress quality of care issues affecting the health of Medicaid recipients.

Suspected Medicaid waste, fraud or abuse can be reported to the MFD by calling its toll-free hotline at (888) 937-2835 or by submitting a complaint form located at the following address: <http://www.state.nj.us/comptroller/divisions/medicaid/complaint.html>.

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A copy of the settlement can be viewed by clicking [here](#).