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MADIGAN: CHICAGO WOMAN CHARGED FOR DEFRAUDING STATE OF NEARLY \$1 MILLION IN MEDICAID FUNDING

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced that a Chicago woman was charged with Medicaid fraud and identity theft for defrauding the state out of nearly \$1 million in Medicaid funding.

Santila Terry, 45, of Chicago, was charged Friday with Class X theft, Class X identity theft and Class 1 vendor fraud in Cook County Circuit Court for her scheme to bill the state for speech therapy services that she never provided. The court set an arraignment hearing on Oct. 27.

In the indictment, Madigan alleged Terry billed Medicaid through her business “Special Therapy Care Chartered” (STCC) for speech therapy services provided to children enrolled in the state’s Medicaid program. Using a former employee’s personal information and Medicaid provider identification number, Terry improperly billed the state more than \$909,500 for therapy she falsely claimed the employee provided to children. Terry’s scheme began when the employee left STCC in 2011 and continued through 2014.

“The state’s Medicaid program exists to ensure the state’s most vulnerable people have access to the programs and services they need to live healthy, independent lives,” Madigan said. “Those who abuse this critical program will be held accountable.”

The case was investigated by the Illinois State Police Medicaid Fraud Control Bureau.

“The Medicaid program is in place to ensure those in need receive quality care by certified medical professionals,” said Captain Brian Ley, Commander of the State Police Medicaid Fraud Control Bureau. “This is a great example of a thorough fraud investigation where the careful collection of evidence, thoughtful analysis, and persistence of investigators led to multiple indictments against a complex criminal enterprise,” he added.

The public is reminded that the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Assistant Attorney General Joseph Chervin handled the case for Madigan’s Medicaid Fraud Bureau.

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