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Owner of D.C. Free Standing Mental Health Clinic sentenced to 20 months for making false statement to Medicaid

Washington, D.C. - Ricardo Henry, the owner of a free standing mental health clinic, was sentenced to 20 months incarceration followed by two years of supervised release for making a false statement to Medicaid, announced U.S. Attorney Jeffrey A. Taylor, Joseph Persichini, Jr., Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI's Washington Field Office, and D.C. Inspector General Charles J. Willoughby. The sentenced was imposed by the Honorable Colleen Kollar-Kotelly.

As part of his sentence, Henry, 48, of 6000 block of 16th Street, NW, Washington, D.C., agreed to forfeit a 2001 Porsche 911, \$9,000 in cash, and \$10,000 in savings bonds seized during the investigation.

Henry previously pleaded guilty to the offense and admitted that he is the owner, President, Secretary, and Treasurer of Insight Therapeutic Services, Inc. ("Insight"). Insight, a free standing mental health clinic, had its office at 733 15th Street, NW, Suite 700, Washington, D.C. Henry also treated patients at Insight.

Pursuant to a provider agreement signed with the District of Columbia, the Department of Health Medical Assistance Administration ("MAA") in 1999, Insight was permitted to submit claims to Medicaid through MAA for psychological services provided to adults and children. Medicaid is a jointly funded, Federal-State health insurance program for eligible low-income and needy people. It covers approximately 36 million individuals including children, the aged, blind, and/or disabled, and people who are eligible to receive assistance from federal programs. In DC, MAA administers the program. Accordingly, Medicaid was a "health care benefit program" as defined in 18 U.S.C. Section 24(b) because it was a public plan or contract, affecting commerce under which medical benefits, items, and services were provided to individuals.

From November 1999 to June 2002, Insight submitted claims to MAA for which it received more than \$500,000 in payments from MAA for psychological services

allegedly provided by Insight. One of the patients Ricardo Henry treated at Insight was JM-083. On June 21, 2000, Ricardo Henry terminated the relationship with JM-083. Nonetheless, Ricardo Henry caused claims to be submitted to MAA through April 2001 as if JM-083 still was receiving treatment from him. Among the false claims which Ricardo Henry caused to be submitted was a claim that he treated JM-083 on April 5, 2001.

During the sentencing hearing, Judge Kollar-Kotelly also found that Henry had attempted to influence the former lead investigator by calling family members of the agent and saying that the agent was under investigation.

In announcing the sentencing, U.S. Attorney Taylor, FBI Assistant Director in Charge Persichini, and Inspector General Charles J. Willoughby praised the joint investigative efforts of Special Agent James Markovich of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and former Special Agents Kevin Craddock, Derek Holt, and Gerald Goldstein of the OIG's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. They commended Stuart Silverman of the OIG's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, who served as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney during the investigation. They also commended Assistant U.S. Attorneys William Cowden of the Asset Forfeiture Unit, Judith A. Kidwell, formerly of the Asset Forfeiture Unit, and Thomas E. Zeno as well as Legal Assistant Lisa Robinson of the Fraud and Public Corruption Section

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