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IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT FAIRBANKS

STATE OF ALASKA, Plaintiff, VS. GINA L STANLEY DOB: 11/01/1968 **APSIN ID: 7163501** DMV NO.: 7124631 AK ATN: 115745562 Defendant.

CR (Gina L. Stanley) No. 4FA-18-

INFORMATION

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> Count I - AS 47.05.210(a)(1) Medical Assistance Fraud Gina L Stanley - 001

Count II - AS 47.05.210(a)(5) Medical Assistance Fraud Gina L Stanley - 002

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CHARGES:

COUNT I

That in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or between April 1, 2017 and June 22, 2017, at or near Fairbanks, GINA L. STANLEY knowingly submitted or authorized the submission of a claim to a medical assistance agency for property,

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services, or a benefit with reckless disregard that the claimant was not entitled to the property, services, or benefit.

All of which is a Class A Misdemeanor offense being contrary to and in violation of AS 47.05.210(a)(1) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

COUNT II

That in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or between April 1, 2017 and June 10, 2017, at or near Fairbanks, GINA L. STANLEY, knowingly made a false entry or falsely altered a medical assistance record.

All of which is a Class A Misdemeanor offense being contrary to and in violation of AS 47.05.210(a)(5) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

The undersigned swears under oath this Information is based upon a review of the investigative material developed to date by Medicaid Fraud Control Unit ("MFCU") investigators in investigation case number 0669858.

Gina Stanley provided services as a personal care attendant ("PCA") from at least April 2013 until June 2017. Between April 1, 2017 and June 2017 she was providing PCA services for five separate patients through two different PCA agencies, Access Alaska and ResCare. In order to participate in the Medicaid program as a PCA and provide PCA services to Medicaid recipients, Stanley had to complete training and receive a certification. See 7 ACC 130.220. Pursuant to 7 AAC 105.220(a)(1), as enacted through Alaska Statute Title 47, any person who provides medical services to a recipient or who bills the state for his or her services agrees to "comply with all applicable federal and state laws related to providing medical or medically related services to Medicaid recipients in this state." See also 7 ACC 105.210(b)(3)(requiring anyone seeking enrollment with the state to provide Medicaid services to agree to follow all state and federal applicable laws). In April of 2017, Stanley had been previously certified by the State to work as a Medicaid-based PCA through both ResCare and Access Alaska PCA agencies.

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When providing services to a Medicaid recipient, all providers, which includes the licensed agency and their employees, are required by 7 AAC 105.230(a) to "maintain" accurate financial, clinical, and other records necessary to support the services for which the provider requests payment. The provider shall ensure that the provider's staff, billing agent, or other entity responsible for the maintenance of the provider's financial, clinical, and other records meets the requirements of this section." Included among the documentation a PCA or their agency is required to maintain are documents that demonstrate that services were provided to a recipient and permit the disbursements of Medicaid payments. The PCA or agency is not only required to maintain records of the treatment that was provided to the recipient, but are also required to maintain documentation regarding the "specific services provided" and the "date on which the service was provided." 7 AAC 105.240 requires the care provider to produce the abovereferenced documentation upon request by an authorized agency such as MFCU.

PCAs are enrolled in Medicaid as home-based health care providers. The Alaska Medicaid Program pays PCAs to provide services of daily living to Medicaid recipients, in order to allow Medicaid recipients to stay in their home rather than be placed in an assisted living home-type setting. Medicaid recipients are evaluated for medical needs by an employee of the Department of Health and Social Services ("DHSS") and the recipient is then authorized to hire a PCA to provide home-based healthcare services. The PCA provides the approved level of services and then contemporaneously fills out a timesheet for the work performed—including the date and time that the services were provided. The timesheet is initially submitted to the licensed PCA agency—in Stanley's case, either Access Alaska or ResCare, depending on the patient. The agencies use the timesheet provided by the PCA as the documented basis for the amount the agency bills to Medicaid for the services provided; the agencies maintain a copy of that timesheet in accordance with the above-stated regulations. Typically, Medicaid pays approximately \$24 an hour to the agency for the service, and the agency is required to pay the PCA at least half of that amount.

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In the current case, PCA agency ResCare reported to MFCU investigators that they believed Gina Stanley, a PCA who worked for ResCare, had submitted timesheets for services that she had not provided. ResCare reported that Stanley had inadvertently submitted a timesheet to ResCare that was actually from a different PCA agency, Access Alaska. While a PCA is not prohibited from working for two different PCA agencies, ResCare noted that the Access Alaska timesheet that Stanley inadvertently submitted to them contained "overlapping" with services Stanley claimed to have provided to ResCare patients in timesheets Stanley had previously submitted to ResCare. "Overlapping" services occur when a PCA submits multiple timesheets for different patients wherein s/he claims to have provided services to two or more patients on the same day, at the same time. As PCA services are required to be individually-provided, and generally must be provided in the recipient's home, it is impossible for a PCA to validly provide PCA services to multiple recipients at the same time. Based on this submission, ResCare and Access Alaska compared timesheets previously submitted by Stanley and discovered numerous instances of overlapping in Stanley's timesheets; the agencies reported this to MFCU.

During the course of the investigation, MFCU investigators received Gina Stanley's timesheets from both ResCare and Access Alaska during the time period in question. These timesheets showed that on numerous occasions between April 1 and June 20, 2017, Stanley submitted timesheets to ResCare and Access Alaska wherein the time she claimed to have provided services to a patient at one agency overlapped with the time she claimed to have provided services to a patient at the other agency. After a review of the claims submitted to Medicaid for services allegedly provided by Stanley during this time period, it was determined that Medicaid paid \$1,732.40 for overlapping services that could not have been provided to two separate patients at the same time.

On February 15, 2018, MFCU Investigator Lance Anderson contacted Stanley by phone. Stanley admitted she was having some financial problems during the time in question. She initially stated she was not trying to manipulate Medicaid and was unaware that she was doing anything wrong. When questioned about the numerous

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310 K Street Suite 601, Anchorage, AK 99501 Phone: (907) 269-6250 Fax: (907) 269-7939 Email: LawOSP@alaska.gov instances of overlap billing—more than 30 between April 1 and June 22—she admitted "it shouldn't have been like that." Investigator Anderson contacted Stanley again on May 10, 2018. During this call Stanley admitted to feeling remorse for what she had done, and said that it could have been avoided if each of the recipients had fewer hours, or if she could have worked later in the day.

BAIL INFORMATION

Based on a review of APSIN, the defendant has no known prior convictions in the State of Alaska.

Dated at Anchorage, Alaska, this 22nd day of May, 2018.

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