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Schmidt To Crack Down On Home Health Care Fraud

(KAIR)--Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt has joined forces with the U.S. Department of Health and Humans Services to crack down on home health care fraud in Kansas.

For the past several months, the two offices have worked together on “Operation No Show”, the cooperative investigation of fraudulent billing to Medicaid for personal care services provided in beneficiaries' homes. The focus of the multiple investigations has been on the abuse of Medicaid's Home and Community Based Services program that pays personal care attendants to assist qualified beneficiaries with personal care.

Schmidt says that “When the Medicaid program is abused and taxpayers are defrauded, vital resources are diverted from Kansans who are truly in need. That's why we are working cooperatively with our federal partners to protect this joint federal/state program. We intend to stay focused on finding and prosecuting those who defraud taxpayers by lying about the work they have done, and submitting false bills”.

Nationwide, the personal care attendant program has been the number one source of fraud complaints to state Medicaid fraud agencies.

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