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Medicaid payments temporarily suspended for Anchorage service provider by Alaska Department of Health and Social Services

Allegations of fraud prompt move by state

ANCHORAGE — The Department of Health and Social Services notified Cecilia De Leon, owner of C Care Services, LLC, located in Anchorage, Alaska, that effective immediately, all Medicaid payments for services as a Medicaid provider have been temporarily suspended.

C Care Services is a personal care and home- and community-based waiver service provider in the Anchorage area. The temporary suspension is based upon a credible allegation of fraud for which an investigation is pending with the Alaska Department of Law, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.

“First and foremost is the safety and protection of the people we serve,” said Duane Mayes, director of the Division of Senior and Disabilities Services. “It is also important that the integrity and efficiencies of our personal care assistance program are sustainable as a viable option in long-term care services.”

On Oct. 21, 2014, the Department of Health and Social Services received confirmation Cecilia De Leon, owner of C Care Services, and the company are both under investigation for Medicaid fraud. Federal regulations require that a state Medicaid agency must suspend all Medicaid payments after the agency determines there is a credible allegation of fraud for which an investigation is pending. The Department of Health and Social Services determined that a credible allegation of fraud exists and suspended Medicaid payments.

The suspension is temporary, but will remain in effect until the departments of Law or Health and Social Services determines there is insufficient evidence to support a claim of fraud or the legal proceedings related to the alleged fraud are completed. The suspension will become

permanent if the individual owner or company is convicted of Medicaid fraud. C Care Services may remain in business, but will not be paid by Medicaid pending the outcome of the investigation.

Health and Social Services is working to ensure recipients of personal care and waiver services are not adversely impacted and that they understand their choice of providers so that their services will have minimal interruption. If you or someone you know is at risk for harm as a result of these actions, please contact Adult Protective Services at 1-800-478-9996 or 1-907-269-3666.

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