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Wallace Man Receives Three Year Prison Term for Medicaid Fraud

A Wallace man was sentenced to three years in prison and ordered to pay the state \$2,175 in restitution after pleading guilty to Medicaid provider fraud.

Alan Vukasin, a personal care provider for a private care agency, pled guilty to three of eight felony charges against him for turning in service notes and times sheets for services he claimed he provided to his elderly mother. An investigation by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare revealed Vukasin did not provide the services on the dates he claimed, as his mother was being cared for by other relatives or he was in police custody or court proceedings.

Vukasin will receive a state jurisdictional review in six months to determine if he was cooperative and benefited from classes and therapy provided in prison. The courts could release him on probation at this time if the judge believes Vukasin has made sufficient progress.

“Medicaid fraud is stealing from the pockets of Idaho taxpayers,” says Mond Warren, Bureau Chief of Audits and Investigations for the Department of Health and Welfare. “If people know of fraud occurring, we encourage them to contact our toll-free fraud hotline at 1-866-635-7515.”

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