

Linda Taylor

From: Melanie Menough
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2008 1:27 PM
To: Bruce Darling
Subject: alleged fraud in cdpas
Importance: High

I just got a call from iris turner, reporting that our consumer, [REDACTED] may have committed Medicaid fraud by continuing to use his attendants during multiple hospitalizations from april 22 2008 to present. I will get more info tomorrow, iris is sending me a written confirmation from the strong hospital of the exact dates in question, and I am pulling all time sheets submitted from april 1 2008 to present.

[REDACTED] is 11 years old, has tbi, developmental delays, seizures and 80%/curve scoliosis. Frequent suctioning and O2 level monitoring is required. His parents [REDACTED] SDO for him. They are separated and maintain separate addresses. The mom is the primary. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He gets 94 hours a week of CDPAP, and I just found out from iris that he also has 20 hours a day of nursing coverage as well, this increased recently from 74 hours a week last year.

Contact notes show that we were aware of one hospitalization, approx 6-18-08 to 6-23-08 - this was reported to the county and receipt of this info was confirmed by iris and jean bost.

Will let you know more as soon as I get the hospitalization dates confirmed.

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From: Melanie Menough
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2008 1:18 PM
To: 'Bost, Jean (DFA2-A26)'
Subject: RE: BH

Ok, should I honor any requests made by the mother to hire new attendants then? She has not sent anyone in yet, but she may.....mel

From: Bost, Jean (DFA2-A26) [mailto:Jean.Bost@dfa.state.ny.us]
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2008 1:16 PM
To: Melanie Menough; Turner, Iris (DFA2-A26)
Subject: RE: BH

Hi mel, I talked with [REDACTED] MD this am, [REDACTED] has 20 hours of nursing per day approved thru 9/1/2008. He has only been medically stable for a little more than 1 week. I plan to send the MD the order to close, but need his signature first. What a mess!!! The saving grace for this kid is that VNS is involved.

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From: Melanie Menough [mailto:MMenough@rochestercdr.org]
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2008 12:22 PM
To: Bost, Jean (DFA2-A26); Turner, Iris (DFA2-A26)
Cc: Denise Welch
Subject: BH

Hello ladies. I have confirmed 574 hours of CDPAP billing during the multiple hospitalizations that occurred from April 22, 2008 to present. The hours were worked by two attendants, Louis Smith and Roy Hedman. Both of these attendants were contacted and fired yesterday. We also called [REDACTED], SDO for her son [REDACTED]. She did not appear upset when April spoke to her, just matter of fact. There was no emotional reaction and did not seem surprised at all. All she wanted to know was whether they would get paid for the work that they did up to the time that they were fired..

I need some guidance with regard to unbilling these hours... Would the county attorney prefer that we hold off unbilling because it may affect any criminal prosecution that the county may pursue? Basically, if we unbill, is the criminal aspect eliminated?

Just let me know if we should immediately unbill,, or hold off at the county's request..

8/18/2010

Also, will you be issuing a closure notice? [REDACTED] has no attendant service right now, it is my understanding that they have 24/7 nursing coverage in place now.....

Thank you,

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From: Melanie Menough
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2008 10:43 AM
To: 'Bost, Jean (DFA2-A26)'; Denise Welch; 'Turner, Iris (DFA2-A26)'
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

Call me,, I just tried you again!!i think we should handle this exactly like we did the [REDACTED] case,,,,,, CDR will not continue being his fiscal intermediary due to the extensive fraud.....which would necessitate an immediate transfer to another agency providing cdpas, unless you intend to close him. Is closing from cdpas still the plan?

If CDR is not going to serve him anymore, we (CDR) should not be at the meeting tomorrow.. we are limiting our calls to [REDACTED] and any information regarding the fraud aspect of this case, to keep any investigation clean.

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From: Bost, Jean (DFA2-A26) [mailto:Jean.Bost@dfa.state.ny.us]
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2008 10:10 AM
To: Melanie Menough; Denise Welch; Turner, Iris (DFA2-A26)
Subject: [REDACTED]

I am going to his house tomorrow at 1PM. Skip of NY is going, I am calling VNS to see if they can attend and am inviting you and Denise. Skip of NY had no idea of this problem and they just referred to All metro. We are all concerned that [REDACTED] may need to go to MCH due to his medical instability and minimal coverage at home. I called [REDACTED] and she is ok with the meeting.

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