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No fraud found in any of the 15 providers audited

SANTA FE – In a letter sent to legislators this morning, Attorney General Hector Balderas cleared Pathways and TeamBuilders, the remaining providers in the Behavioral Health Investigation, of fraud.

Upon taking office in 2015, Attorney General Balderas released the PCG audit in its entirety with minimal redactions, and made it a priority to complete the 12 pending behavioral health investigations to bring transparency and accountability to the process.

The PCG audit and the Human Services Department alleged there was $36 million in overbilling by the providers. In its separate investigation, based on the allegations of the PCG and OptumHealth audits, the Office of the Attorney General found there was approximately $1.16 million in over billing and no evidence of fraud.

“Our thorough investigation of the providers concluded that there was not a pattern of fraud, despite the actions of the Human Services Department in finding credible allegations of fraud and freezing funding to 15 providers across New Mexico in 2013,” Balderas said. “It now falls to the Human Services Department to take timely and appropriate administrative action to resolve this regrettable situation to ensure that tens of thousands of vulnerable New Mexicans receive their critical services. The department must find a way to fight fraud that does not put services to the most vulnerable at risk or result in hundreds of New Mexicans losing their jobs.”

See attached for a copy of the letter from Attorney General Balderas to the legislators. Visit AG website to view all of the investigative reports: ***http://www.nmag.gov/2013-behavioral-health-audit.aspx***