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FRAUD FOR PCA SERVICES

What is Medicaid Fraud?

Medicaid fraud is when a person:

- Obtains
- Attempts to obtain
- Helps another obtain assistance benefits to which the person is not entitled by giving
- False statements
- False representations
- Withholding information

For Example:

- If you fill out a timesheet that states that you worked 30 hours when you only worked 20 hours that is considered fraud.
- You and your client could be held legally responsible for Medicaid fraud. In Minnesota the “theft of public funds” is a felony, no matter the dollar amount.

Possible penalties and consequences include:

- Disqualification from working in a Medicaid/Medicare funded job for five years
- Jail time
- Repayment of money
- Affect other job applications
- Affect immigration status
- Disqualification from Section VIII housing
- More

Verification and request for payment of PCA hours worked is done when the recipient/responsible party signs the time sheets:

- Recipient/responsible parties must sign PCA timesheets
- Do not have your client sign a blank timesheet
- Only have them sign timesheets for time that you have actually worked
- You cannot be paid for time when you are traveling to and from your house or if you are “on call” by phone or pager
- You CANNOT get paid for time that you are NOT with the client