

IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT ANCHORAGE

STATE OF ALASKA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

NORMA V. EDADES

DOB: 08/13/1949

APSIN ID: 6244450

DMV NO.: 6244450 AK

ATN: 114-356-781

Defendant.

No. (Norma V. Edades)

INFORMATION

I certify this document and its attachments do not contain the (1) name of a victim of a sexual offense listed in AS 12.61.140 or (2) residence or business address or telephone number of a victim of or witness to any offense unless it is an address identifying the place of a crime or an address or telephone number in a transcript of a court proceeding and disclosure of the information was ordered by the court.

The following counts charge a crime involving DOMESTIC VIOLENCE as defined in AS 18.66.990:

Count I - AS 47.05.210(a)(1) Fel C  
Medical Assistance Fraud  
Norma V. Edades - 001

Count II - AS 47.05.210(a)(5)  
Medical Assistance Fraud  
Norma V. Edades - 002

THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CHARGES:

COUNT I:

That in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or between April 11, 2011 and May 28, 2011, at or near Anchorage, NORMA V. EDADES, knowingly submitted or authorized the submission of a claim to a medical assistance agency for property,

1 services, or a benefit with reckless disregard that the claimant is not entitled to the  
2 property, services, or benefit.

3 All of which is a Felony class C offense being contrary to and in violation of  
4 47.05.210(a)(1) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

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6 **COUNT II:**

7 That in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or between April 11, 2011  
8 and May 28, 2011, at or near Anchorage, NORMA V. EDADES, knowingly made a false  
9 entry or falsely altered a medical assistance record.

10 All of which is a Misdemeanor class A offense being contrary to and in violation  
11 of 47.05.210(a)(5) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

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13 The undersigned swears under oath this Information is based upon a review of  
14 evidence submitted to date.

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16 The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) is conducting a joint State and  
17 Federal investigation into fraudulent Medicaid billing by Personal Care Attendants (PCA)  
18 associated with PCA Agency C Care Services. This case was part of an agency referral  
19 from the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), Program Integrity Unit  
20 regarding PCA Agency C Care Services. PCA Norma Edades was identified as having  
21 billed Medicaid for providing PCA services to recipient C.A. during periods of time that  
22 C.A. was travelled internationally.

23 PCAs are enrolled in Medicaid as home based healthcare providers. The Alaska  
24 Medicaid Program pays PCAs to provide services of daily living to Medicaid recipients,  
25 which will allow Medicaid recipients to stay in their home rather than be placed in an  
26 assisted living home type setting. Medicaid recipients are evaluated for medical needs by  
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1 an employee of the Department of Health and Social Services and the recipient is then  
2 authorized to hire a PCA to provide home based healthcare services. The PCA fills out a  
3 timesheet for the work done and submits it to a PCA agency that in turn bills Medicaid.  
4 Medicaid pays approximately \$24 an hour to the agency and the agency must pay the  
5 PCA at least half of that amount.

6 Prior to December 23, 2011, Alaska Medicaid would authorize payment for PCA  
7 services while travelling internationally if the travel was pre-approved. On December 23,  
8 2011, the Department of Health sent out a notice to all Medicaid providers that federal  
9 law prohibits Medicaid expenditures for services outside of the United States. See 7AAC  
10 125.060(c) and 42 C.F.R. sec. 431.52(b).

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12 A review of international travel records and Medicaid billing records revealed  
13 that Edades submitted timesheets and billed Medicaid for providing PCA services to  
14 recipient C.A. during times that C.A. was travelling internationally. Specifically, C.A.  
15 departed Seattle for Incheon, Korea on April 11, 2011 and did not return until May 28,  
16 2011. Medicaid records revealed that Edades billed Medicaid for providing PCA  
17 services to C.A. during this period of international travel for a total of \$4,099.52 in  
18 fraudulent billing.

19 On February 24, 2015, MFCU Investigator Paakki and OIG Agent Kennedy  
20 interviewed Edades regarding her billing Medicaid for PCA services provided to C.A.  
21 during the time C.A. was travelling internationally. Edades identified her signature on  
22 the timesheets and was able to read and explain what the timesheets meant. Edades  
23 admitted to turning in the timesheets covering the period of time C.A. was travelling and  
24 explained that she turned them in because C.A. told her to turn them in. Paystubs from  
25 Edades' employee file confirmed that she was paid by C Care Services for the services  
26 she fraudulently claimed to provide to C.A.

Investigator Paakki and Agent Kennedy next interviewed C.A. C.A. admitted to travelling in the Philippines in 2011, but denied telling Edades to turn in the timesheets. C.A. further explained her signature on the form by stating that she will sometimes sign blank form for Edades.

Dated at Anchorage, Alaska, this \_\_\_\_ day of June, 2015.

BAIL INFORMATION

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CRAIG W. RICHARDS  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this \_\_\_\_ day of  
June 2015, at Anchorage, Alaska.

Notary Public in and for Alaska  
My Commission Expires: End of Hire