

AG Fitch Announces Recent Medicaid Fraud Sentencing



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Lynn Fitch

(Walthall County, Mississippi) Today, Attorney General Lynn Fitch announced the recent sentencing of Pearly Youngblood of Taylorsville, Mississippi. Youngblood pleaded guilty to one count of Medicaid fraud. This case was investigated and prosecuted by the Mississippi Attorney General's Office.

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Youngblood, an employee of Blessing Hearts Healthcare, knowingly submitted false claims for Medicaid services that she did not provide. On July 28, 2025, Walthall County Circuit Court **Judge David Strong** ordered Youngblood to pay full restitution in the amount of \$16,598.40 to the Mississippi Division of Medicaid, as well as \$4,000 in fines and fees. She also received five years of non-adjudicated probation through the Mississippi Department of Corrections and will remain on the federal exclusion list, excluding her from participating in Medicaid, Medicare, or any other federal health care program, for five years.



Pearly Youngblood

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