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Omaha Mental Health Provider Pleads Guilty to Stealing Government Funds

LINCOLN - Attorney General Jon Bruning today announced James Holt of Omaha pleaded guilty to stealing government funds in U.S. District Court in Lincoln. Holt's company, UMOJA, PC, pleaded guilty to one federal felony count of health care fraud and Holt pleaded guilty to nine federal misdemeanors. Holt is a mental health provider in Omaha.

The plea stemmed from an investigation by the Attorney General's Office Medicaid Fraud and Patient Abuse Unit and the Office of Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

"Mr. Holt and his company stole money from tax payers by submitted billings to Nebraska Medicaid for services he did not render," said Bruning. "Today's plea works to ensure he is held accountable for his crimes."

As a part of the plea agreement, Holt and his corporation agreed to make restitution of approximately \$15,000.

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Sentencing is set for May 13, 2014 before Senior U.S. District Judge Lyle Strom.

The matter was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Alan Everett and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney and Attorney General's Office Medicaid Fraud Division Chief Mark Collins.