

Medicaid Fraud Report

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Psychiatrists: Florida

Attorney General Bob Butterworth announced a civil settlement in the matter of Dr. **Thomas R. Wikstrom**, a psychiatrist practicing in Jacksonville, Florida. The Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit investigated this case after a review of Dr. Wikstrom's Medicaid claims revealed an unusually high number of billings attributed to Dr. Wikstrom's Medicaid provider number. This investigation revealed that due to Dr. Wikstrom's failure to read Medicaid billing and service policies unique to psychiatrists, some services rendered under Dr. Wikstrom's provider number were actually being performed by an ARNP and a licensed therapist.

In lieu of facing suit pursuant to Florida's False Claims Act, Dr. Wikstrom entered into a settlement agreement with the Attorney General's Office, resulting in reimbursement and penalties to the State of Florida totaling \$27,480.

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