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**ATTORNEY GENERAL SECURES GUILTY PLEA AGAINST TATYANA
DATKHAEVA FOR THEFT OF MEDICAID AND MEDICARE FUNDS**

DENVER — Attorney General John Suthers today announced that Tatyana Datkhaeva, M.D. (D.O.B. 11/9/48) entered pleas of guilty to one count of felony theft and one count of misdemeanor theft for submitting numerous false bills to the Colorado Medicaid program and to Medicare for which she was reimbursed.

“In these false billings, Datkhaeva claimed to have rendered physical therapy services for the recipients when in fact she had given the patients cold laser therapy; physical therapy is a covered service for Medicaid and Medicare recipients, but cold laser therapy is not,” said Suthers. “Taxpayer-funded medical programs were created to assist our senior citizens and our poor, and my office will continue to be vigilant regarding any scheme to defraud these programs.”

A Denver District Court Judge sentenced Datkhaeva to a deferred judgment on the felony theft count, and ordered her to perform 100 hours of useful public service and serve two years supervised probation. She was also ordered to pay \$44,268.43 in criminal restitution (\$14,040.45 to the Colorado Medicaid program and \$30,227.98 to Medicare). On the misdemeanor theft count, Datkhaeva was sentenced to perform an additional 100 hours useful public service. In addition, Datkhaeva was ordered to pay all court costs and fees, and is required to report her criminal conviction to the state’s medical licensing authority at the Department of Regulatory Affairs (DORA). Datkhaeva has also agreed to pay the Colorado Medicaid program an additional \$33,080.90 as a civil penalty.

The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the Office of the Attorney General, in conjunction with the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services conducted the investigation.

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