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**Statement by
SECRETARY THOMAS W. ARNOLD
Regarding the Medicaid Fraud Enforcement Pilot Program**

“The vast majority of those who provide care to Florida Medicaid recipients are honest and provide high-quality care, but unfortunately the few bad players create a need for bold efforts.

“Today, the federal government is giving us the opportunity to work closer with our partners in the Attorney General’s Office. Combating health care fraud is a team effort and with more eyes and resources dedicated to looking at Medicaid provider payments, we will increase the effectiveness of our fraud detection and prevention.

“Through this strengthened collaboration to fight Medicaid fraud, Florida’s taxpayers can be reassured that the state’s limited resources are spent on appropriate health care services for our most vulnerable citizens.”

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