

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**: 19TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

**VERSUS**

**: PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE**

**Victoria Bertrand Trahan**

**: STATE OF LOUISIANA**



**AFFIDAVIT**

**BEFORE ME**, the undersigned Authority of the 19th Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, Taylor Williams, with the Louisiana Department of Justice, Criminal Division, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who, upon being duly sworn by me, deposes and says that Victoria Bertrand Trahan [REDACTED] [REDACTED] did violate:

2 Count(s) of 14:70.1-- MEDICAID FRAUD-- (Felony)

Between the approximate dates of 03-22-2024, through and including 07-11-2024, by intentionally defrauding the Louisiana Medicaid Program by causing the presentation, for payment, false or fraudulent claims for providing medical services or knowingly and intentionally submitted false information in order to obtain greater compensation than that which was legally authorized for furnishing service.

**OVERVIEW OF THE LOUISIANA MEDICAID PROGRAM**

A brief explanation of how the Medicaid Program operates is helpful in understanding the fraud perpetrated by Victoria Bertrand Trahan against the State of Louisiana. The Louisiana Department of Health (hereinafter "LDH") is statutorily authorized to enter into contracts with entities providing medical or medically related services to Louisiana Medicaid recipients. Entities that contract with LDH to provide services to Medicaid recipients are referred to as providers. In order for a provider to be paid for the services rendered to Medicaid recipients, they must submit claims for payment to GAINWELL Technologies (formerly known as DXC Technology) (hereinafter "GAINWELL"), the fiscal intermediary for the State of Louisiana's Medicaid

Program. GAINWELL receives and processes all Medicaid claims at its office located in East Baton Rouge Parish, and subsequently remits payments to the providers.

Home and Community Based Services (hereinafter “HCBS”) licenses are granted by LDH to providers that render home and community based services to Louisiana Medicaid recipients. HCBS services are designed to assist individuals with functional impairments with their daily living activities. HCBS services must be rendered by an employee of the HCBS provider, who has been trained as a Direct Service Worker (hereinafter “DSW”). DSWs are trained on, and required to, fill out true and accurate service logs, which must clearly reflect the services provided and billed. Based upon the service logs filled out by the DSW, HCBS providers thereafter submit claims to GAINWELL that are subsequently processed and paid.

Additionally, in the fall of 2016, LDH made available an Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) system for providers to train their DSW and start utilizing it for in home services verification in conjunction with the existing prior authorization data contract with Statistical Resources, Inc. (SRI). Through either a smart phone or electronic tablet, the EVV system utilizes GPS to pin point when a caregiver arrives at and leaves a specific location, such as the client’s home. The EVV system also details the name of the individual providing the service, type of service and individual receiving the service.

### **MEDICAID FRAUD SCHEME AND COUNTS**

On September 31, 2024, the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) opened an investigation into Direct Service Worker (DSW) Victoria Bertrand Trahan after receiving a complaint from the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) alleging fraud involving services not rendered. The complainant alleged that DSW Bertrand submitted billings for purportedly rendering personal care services through Morning Sun Financial Services of Louisiana (hereinafter “Morning Sun”) to a Medicaid recipient bearing the initial “E.B.”

Upon opening this investigation, MFCU Special Agents gathered additional information, obtained records, and conducted interviews. To date, Agents have learned the following information, detailed herein.

Morning Sun Financial Services, 9400 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, MN, 55427, is one of the Fiscal Employer Agents that provides fiscal management services for Self-Direction participants that include ensuring current and initial participants are provided with information they need to effectively participate in this option; processing employee payroll and required taxes in accordance with state, federal and Medicaid regulations regarding vendor fiscal/employer agents; and ensuring questions from participants, support coordinator and LDH

staff are responded to promptly. According to the Louisiana Department of Health guidelines, the Self-Direction program is a service delivery option that allows participants to become the employers of the people they choose to hire to provide support for the Medicaid recipient.

On July 18, 2022, Victoria Bertrand Trahan began working for self-direction employer, Patricia Bertrand, as a DSW to provide personal care services to E.B., an eligible Medicaid recipient, who is Patricia Bertrand's grandson. According to the complainant, Victoria Bertrand began providing services to her nephew E.B. when he was living with his grandmother, Patricia Bertrand, who had custody, at [REDACTED].

Victoria Bertrand, as the DSW, was to provide the services and support described in E.B.'s Plan of Care and document the services rendered on a service log. The service log details and underlines the services rendered, since this information is required for the claim to be billed.

Through investigative means, MFCU Agent Williams obtained records that showed that Victoria Bertrand was part of the self-direction program through Morning Sun Fiscal. The records obtained from Morning Sun Fiscal Agent revealed punch entry details under Victoria Bertrand's name, indicating specific dates and times Victoria Bertrand was purporting to provide Medicaid services to E.B.

MFCU Agent Williams obtained court records indicating that Benjamin Bertrand, E.B.'s biological father, and his stepmother had regained custody of him on March 22, 2024. At that time, according to the complainant, E.B. had already moved in with them and had not received any more services from Victoria Bertrand.

Complainant stated that she went to obtain Medicaid services for her son, E.B., and was informed that he was still receiving services from Victoria Bertrand. Victoria Bertrand knowingly continued to submit time through July 11, 2024, purporting to provide services to E.B. even though E.B. had returned to live with his stepmother and father, Benjamin Bertrand at Address [REDACTED], and those services were not actually provided.

The following table illustrates the fraudulent claims submitted to the Medicaid program under Victoria Bertrand as the rendering provider:

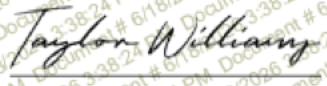
| Count | Service Dates Billed to Medicaid | Fraudulent Payments |
|-------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1     | 3/22/2024-5/20/2024              | \$4,631.45          |
| 2     | 5/22/2024-7/11/2024              | \$4,383.00          |
| Total |                                  | \$9,014.45          |

Due to the above information, there is probable cause that Victoria Bertrand Trahan submitted false information purporting to provide Medicaid services that were not provided, causing the submission of false claims to be submitted to the Medicaid program.

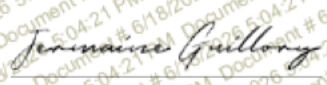
Medicaid Fraud is defined under La R.S. 14:70.1 as “..the act of any person who, with intent to defraud the state through any medical assistance program created under the Federal Social Security Act and administered by the Louisiana Department of Health, either presents for allowance or payment any false or fraudulent claim for furnishing services or merchandise, or knowingly submits false information in order to obtain greater compensation than that to which he is legally entitled to for furnishing services or merchandise...”

Probable cause has been shown that on 03-22-2024, through and including 07-11-2024, Victoria Bertrand Trahan committed Medicaid fraud.

**THEREFORE**, for the above stated reasons, Affiant prays for the issuance of a Warrant of Arrest for Victoria Bertrand Trahan.

  
Taylor Williams  
Affiant

THUS DONE AND PASSED on the 18 day of June, 2026.

  
Jermaine Guillory  
State of Louisiana

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**WARRANT OF ARREST**

**TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Affidavit having been made by Taylor Williams, with the Louisiana Department of Justice, Criminal Division, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, that between 03-22-2024, through and including 07-11-2024, in the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, the offender, Victoria Bertrand Trahan, [REDACTED], did commit the crime(s) of:

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You are, therefore, commanded forthwith to arrest the said offender and take him/her forthwith to be booked and charged in accordance with the law.

Given under my official signature, this 18 day of June, 2026.

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