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## **Attorney General Griffin Announces Conviction of Tennessee Woman for Medicaid Fraud**

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and my office will not stop pursuing them'*

**LITTLE ROCK** – Attorney General Tim Griffin today issued the following statement announcing the conviction of a Tennessee woman who pleaded guilty to Medicaid fraud:

“On April 17, Michelle Chase, 55, of Memphis pleaded guilty to one count of Medicaid fraud, a Class C Felony, and was sentenced to a three-year term of probation; ordered to pay a \$1,500 fine, court costs, and restitution in the amount of \$2,700.09; and ordered to complete 100 hours of community service. Chase created a caregiver account in her son’s name while working for Superior Senior Care and then used that account to bill Medicaid for services never rendered.

“Protecting Arkansans from Medicaid fraud means holding bad actors accountable—and my office will not stop pursuing them. I want to recognize the outstanding work of my office’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) for their unwavering dedication to protecting Arkansans. I specifically want to thank Special Agent Marcus Custer, Senior Assistant Attorney General Leigh Patterson, and Prosecuting Attorney for the 6th Judicial District of Arkansas Will Jones.”

The Arkansas MFCU receives 75% of its funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under a grant totaling \$4,685,736 for the Federal fiscal year 2025, of which

\$3,514,304 is federally funded. The remaining 25%, totaling \$1,171,432 for State Fiscal Year 2025, is funded by Arkansas General Revenue.

### **About Attorney General Tim Griffin**

Tim Griffin was sworn in as the 57th Attorney General of Arkansas on January 10, 2023, having previously served as the state's 20th Lieutenant Governor from 2015-2023. From 2011-2015, Griffin served as the 24th representative of Arkansas's Second Congressional District, where he served on the House Committee on Ways and Means, House Armed Services Committee, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, House Committee on Ethics and House Committee on the Judiciary while also serving as a Deputy Whip for the Majority.

Griffin is currently an officer in the Arkansas Army National Guard and holds the rank of colonel. Griffin served as an officer in the U.S. Army Reserve Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps for more than 28 years. In 2005, Griffin was mobilized to active duty as an Army prosecutor at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and served with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) in Mosul, Iraq.

His previous assignments include serving as the Commander of the 2d Legal Operations Detachment in New Orleans, Louisiana; the Commander of the 134th Legal Operations Detachment at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and as a Senior Legislative Advisor to the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness at the Pentagon. Griffin earned a master's degree in strategic studies as a Distinguished Honor Graduate from the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

Griffin also served as U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, and Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Political Affairs for President George W. Bush; Special Assistant to Assistant Attorney General Michael Chertoff, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice; Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Arkansas; Senior Investigative Counsel, Government Reform and Oversight Committee, U.S. House of Representatives; and Associate Independent Counsel, Office of Independent Counsel David M. Barrett, In re: HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros.

Griffin is a graduate of Magnolia High School, Hendrix College in Conway, and Tulane Law School in New Orleans. He attended graduate school at Oxford University. He is admitted to practice law in Arkansas (active) and Louisiana (inactive). Griffin lives in Little Rock with his wife, Elizabeth, a Camden native, and their three children.

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