

# Maura Healey Accuses Dr. Bharani of Medicaid Fraud

Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey, who calls herself the people's lawyer last month against VP columnist and MS specialist Dr Bharani Padmanabhan by declaring he is under investigation for Medicaid fraud.

According to Dr. Bharani, two investigators from AG Maura Healey's office suddenly showed up at his home demanding immediate access to his charts for 16 of his patients. They certified that obtaining immediate and full access to the complete medical charts was the minimum required for Maura Healey's Medicaid fraud investigation.

Dr Bharani said he was not at home at the time so the investigators startled his parents instead.

He said that the action by the Attorney General was sudden given that he has been treating his patients entirely for free the past four years. He also says that he has not billed Medicaid or Medicare in any way. "If a doctor does not bill the Government at all, it is curious to see how Healey can accuse me of Medicaid fraud," he said.

Dr. Bharani says that two years ago he filed a written criminal complaint against Dr. Julian Harris, the now-former Director of Massachusetts Medicaid. Readers of The Valley Patriot may recall reading about it in the pages of this paper as an open letter to then-Attorney General Martha Coakley.

Two years ago, Dr Bharani says that he had also personally informed Steven Hoffmann, the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Unit, about his criminal complaint against Dr. Julian Harris.

"For two years there has been no investigation by the Attorney General into fraud and corruption within Massachusetts Medicaid. Worse, Maura Healey is actually defending former Director Dr. Julian Harris in Federal Court."

"And suddenly this week we have this action by Maura Healey against the doctor who filed the criminal complaint against Dr. Harris. Valley Patriot readers may be interested to learn that Dr. Harris now works for the Obama White House in Washington, DC."

Bharani says that he finds it particularly disturbing that Maura Healey obtained the list of 16 patients from the Massachusetts Prescription Monitoring Database. This Database, which collects the prescriptions filled for every person in this state, has numerous privacy protections on paper. "This intensely personal information about every single person living in Massachusetts, by law cannot be used to investigate Medicaid fraud," he said.

Massachusetts readers should be interested in their privacy rights and can look them up online. The regulation is 105 CMR 700.012.

"Clearly these privacy protections mean nothing in practice. Despite being blocked by law from using this confidential, protected and intensely personal health data for any reason other than an investigation into selling painkiller pills or doctor-shopping, Maura Healey has used this protected database to collect a list of patients without any lawful reason."

"This violation by a Government official of the privacy of people living in Massachusetts is chilling, egregious and extreme. It resembles similar violations that were commonplace in progressive socialist countries, violations that drove millions to seek the freedom of these shores."

Dr Bharani says his patients all feel they have been personally violated by Maura Healey. "They feel even worse because they know Maura Healey and everyone else within the Government is aware that their doctor has not taken any public money for the past four years, and so there cannot be any genuine investigation into Medicaid fraud."

Dr. Bharani says his patients are encouraged however by his refusal to violate the law on Maura Healey's orders.

"This open abuse of Governmental power to punish a doctor who filed a criminal complaint is pernicious given that The People's Lawyer is supposed to help the people and what has happened here is the very opposite."

The Valley Patriot will continue developments in the Dr. Bharani saga in the coming months.