

FACT SHEET Thayer v. Planned Parenthood of the Heartland

ABOUT Thayer v. Planned Parenthood of the Heartland

Sue Thayer, former manager of Planned Parenthood's Storm Lake and LeMars clinics in Iowa, filed suit under both the federal and state False Claims acts. The suit alleges that Planned Parenthood knowingly committed Medicaid fraud from 2002 to 2009 by improperly seeking reimbursements from Iowa Medicaid Enterprise and the Iowa Family Planning Network for products and services not legally reimbursable by those programs. The lawsuit claims that Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa, an affiliate now known as Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, filed nearly 500,000 false claims with Medicaid from which Planned Parenthood received and retained nearly \$28 million.

CURRENT STATUS OF AS OF 8/29/14

On Aug. 29, 2014, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit reversed a district judge's decision to dismiss the case.

WHAT IS AT STAKE?

Whether abortion sellers can misappropriate American tax dollars to increase their profits.

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ABOUT Alliance Defending Freedom

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Casey Mattox serves as senior counsel with Alliance Defending Freedom. His litigation efforts focus on sanctity of human life issues, including waste, fraud, and abuse of taxpayer dollars by the abortion industry. Prior to serving with ADF, Mattox litigated for the Christian Legal Society Center for Law & Religious Freedom, as well as the Rutherford Institute, and clerked for Justice Champ Lyons of the Alabama Supreme Court. Mattox earned his J.D. from Boston College Law School and is a member of the bar of the U.S. Supreme Court, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and numerous federal courts.