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## News Release

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### **Clark County Health District looks into unlicensed flu shot clinics**

(Las Vegas, Nev., - January 5, 2004) – The Clark County Health District (CCHD) is examining the vaccination procedures of an unlicensed provider who administered flu shots locally. The provider, Shahid Sheikh was also operating in the state of Washington where he is being charged by the Washington State Department of Health with unprofessional conduct on allegations of providing flu shots without the appropriate license.

While the health district does not have the authority to bring charges against an unlicensed provider, it does have the authority to investigate incidents that may affect the health of the public. The health district will work closely with local law enforcement authorities to share information if it is found that Sheikh, or any of his employees, violated state law.

CCHD's Office of Epidemiology will begin contacting companies who contracted for services provided by Sheikh or his company, MedSources Inc. of Bellevue, Washington.

“At this time it is unknown how the flu vaccine was administered at clinics sponsored by Sheikh or his company,” said Dr. Donald Kwalick, chief health officer for the Clark County Health District.

“As the local public health authority we feel it is important to uncover as much information as possible about the vaccine that may have been used, and the safety practices followed, in order to provide better medical recommendations to people who may have received injections from this provider,” said Dr. Kwalick.

If a company or individual believes they have received flu shots from this provider – and are not contacted by the health district – they may call the CCHD Public Information line at 385-INFO (4636) and leave a message. Messages left on this line will be returned within 24 hours.

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