
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2024

Fiscal Services Division

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Investigations Division — Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing

Overview

The Investigations Division is one of eight divisions in the Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing (DIAL). The Division investigates alleged fraud in the State's public assistance programs, including the theft of warrants and Medicaid fraud by health care providers, and conducts professional practice investigations on behalf of State licensing boards. The Division also reviews applications for public assistance to prevent the issuance of funds to ineligible individuals and initiates recovery actions to recoup overpayments when individuals fraudulently receive public assistance.

The Division performs expenditure audits of local Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) offices to determine eligibility for federal fund reimbursement for operating expenses. These HHS audits ensure compliance with applicable State and federal funding requirements. Under 2023 Iowa Acts, [Senate File 514](#) (State Government Alignment Act), the oversight for the permitting, licensing, and inspections of areas that were previously overseen by the Department of Public Safety (DPS) were transferred to the DIAL. These areas include building code, electrical, fire prevention inspections, fire safety, and fireworks. The Division also conducts health care audits at residential care facilities, nursing facilities, and residential and intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Audit findings are used to assist in determining whether Medicaid reimbursement procedures meet participation requirements.

The Division works with other State and local agencies to investigate fraud and, when necessary, the DIAL works with State and federal prosecutors and local law enforcement to gather evidence used to prosecute individuals.

Investigative units for the Division include an Audits Unit, Economic Fraud Control Unit, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, Professional Standards Unit, and Public Assistance Debt Recovery Unit.

Funding

The Investigations Division receives an annual General Fund appropriation.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [10A](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [481](#)

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