

481—55.7(135Q) Investigations.

55.7(1) *Initiation of investigations.* Investigations may be initiated because of a complaint or other information received by the department or upon referral from other agencies. If the department determines there is probable cause to believe that a health care employment agency or health care technology platform is unregistered or that a registered health care employment agency or health care technology platform is not in compliance with state, federal, or local statutes or rules, an investigation may be initiated.

55.7(2) *Evaluation of allegations and referral to other agencies.* If an investigation is initiated, the department will evaluate the allegations to determine whether the allegations should also be referred to other local, state, or federal agencies. If the department believes a criminal violation has occurred or is occurring, it will notify the appropriate law enforcement entities.

55.7(3) *Access to records.* An inspector of the department may enter a health care employment agency without a warrant and may examine and copy all records and items pertaining to the investigation, or may require the health care employment agency or health care technology platform to provide copies of all records and items pertaining to the investigation, unless the record or item is protected by some other legal privilege.

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