Division employees perform expenditure audits of local Department of Human Services (DHS) offices to determine eligibility for federal fund reimbursement for operating expenses. These DHS audits also ensure compliance with applicable state and federal funding requirements. When conducting health care audits at residential care facilities, nursing facilities, and residential and intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded, DIA auditors protect residents by assuring them that their personal funds are being properly maintained. Audit findings are also used to determine whether Medicaid reimbursement procedures meet all participation requirements.

Staff in the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit conduct investigations of alleged abuse and neglect of residents in long-term care facilities that receive Medicaid reimbursements from the federal government. Investigators also look into allegations that residents have been defrauded of personal funds or possessions.

When abuse or fraud is substantiated, the division works with local law enforcement officials to bring the offenders to trial. When Medicaid fraud is suspected, the DIA often works side by side with investigators from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Postal Service, as well as other state and federal law enforcement agencies.

CHILD ADVOCACY BOARD

§237.16, 237.18

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Name	City	Term Ending Date
Lionel Foster, Chair	Mason City	April 30, 2011
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Joseph DeHart	Kellogg	April 30, 2009
Michael Isaacson	Denver	April 30, 2009
Katherine Kaminsky	Glenwood	April 30, 2009
Brian Michaelson	Sioux City	April 30, 2010
Roberta Payne	lowa City	April 30, 2010
Michael R. Steele	Mount Pleasant	April 30, 2010
Nancylee Ziese	Cedar Rapids	April 30, 2010

The Child Advocacy Board, appointed by the Governor, works to ensure that lowa's foster children are well cared for and that the system designed to meet their needs is doing so in the most effective manner possible. The board oversees all agency programs, including local foster care review boards and the Foster Care Registry. In addition, the board administers the state's Court Appointed Special Advocate Program.

The board is responsible for making recommendations to the Governor, General Assembly, Supreme Court and Chief Judge of each judicial district, Department of Human Services, and child-placing agencies on ways to improve the delivery of foster care services. Members also submit recommendations on how to remove barriers that prevent the delivery of top-quality foster care.

EMPLOYMENT APPEAL BOARD

§10A.601

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Mary Ann Spicer	Des Moines	April 30, 2008