

481—55.7(89GA, HF2521) 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 is an unregistered health care employment agency or that a registered health care employment agency is not in compliance with state, federal, or local statutes or rules, an investigation shall be initiated.

55.7(2) *Evaluation of allegations and referral to other agencies.* If an investigation is initiated, the department shall 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 shall 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 unless the record or item is protected by some other legal privilege.

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