

Budget Unit Brief

FY 2017



Investigations Division, Department of Inspections and Appeals

Overview

The Investigations Division is one of four divisions in the Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA). 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 Human Services (DHS) offices to determine eligibility for federal fund reimbursement for operating expenses. These DHS audits ensure compliance with applicable state and federal funding requirements. The Division also conducts health care audits at residential care facilities, nursing facilities, and residential and intermediate care facilities for the intellectually disabled. Audit findings are used to assist in determining whether Medicaid reimbursement procedures meet participation requirements.

Staff members 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, and other state and federal law enforcement agencies.

Funding and Staffing

For FY 2017, the Investigations Division received a General Fund appropriation of \$2.6 million and a staff of 55.0 appropriated full-time equivalent (FTE) positions.

Related Statutes

Iowa Code chapter [10A](#)
[481](#) Iowa Administrative Code

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More Information

Investigations Division, Department of Inspections and Appeals: <http://www.dia.iowa.gov/page15.html>

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