



## INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

2011-04-0139

September 6, 2012

### SPD DEPENDENT AUDIT INVESTIGATION

*Inspector General Staff Attorney Todd Shumaker, after an investigation by Special Agent Chuck Coffin, reports as follows:*

Throughout 2011, the State Personnel Department (SPD) forwarded to the Office of Inspector General (OIG) a series of complaints alleging possible insurance fraud that arose out of a Dependent Eligibility Verification Audit (Audit) by SPD. Among those complaints was one against an Indiana State Department of Health employee (Employee), whose son was found to be ineligible based on his status as a student.<sup>1</sup>

The OIG is charged by the Indiana Legislature to address fraud, waste and abuse in state agencies. IC 4-2-7-2(b). In so doing, the OIG is instructed to supervise and coordinate investigations. IC 4-2-7-3(1).

OIG Special Agent Chuck Coffin was assigned to investigate. Special Agent Coffin discovered that SPD had confirmed with Employee that her son had

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<sup>1</sup> At the time of the Audit, SPD policy allowed unmarried dependent children to remain eligible dependents on the State's benefits plans until the end of the calendar year in which they turned 23, provided they were full-time students enrolled in an educational institution. Unmarried dependent children who did not maintain full-time student status became ineligible at the end of the calendar year in which they turned 19.

never been a student during 2009 or 2010 and was therefore an ineligible dependent. SPD determined Employee's son was ineligible as of January 1, 2009 and sent a collection letter to Employee in the amount of \$692.58 for medical and prescription claims of \$636.70 and \$55.88, respectively, that were paid on her son's behalf after his eligibility had expired. SPD sent a collection letter to Employee on March 31, 2011 requesting repayment in this amount. Employee repaid the full amount to the State on April 7, 2011.

Finding no basis for criminal charges, Special Agent Coffin advises the investigation be closed at this time. Should additional evidence be brought forward, this case may be evaluated for further action. At this time and for these reasons, this case is closed.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

APPROVED BY:

/s/ David O. Thomas, Inspector General