



INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

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OFFICE: INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES (DCS)

TITLE: DCS PROVIDER FRAUD

CASE ID: 2018-12-0324

DATE: August 12, 2019

The Inspector General's Chief Legal Counsel Tiffany Mulligan, after an investigation by Inspector General Special Agent Chuck Coffin, reports as follows:

The Indiana Office of Inspector General (OIG) investigates potential criminal activity and Code of Ethics violations within the executive branch of state government. Ind. Code § 4-2-7-3. The OIG is statutorily charged with recommending policies to deter, detect and eradicate fraud, waste, abuse, mismanagement and misconduct in state government. Ind. Code § 4-2-7-3(2).

On December 10, 2018, the OIG received a complaint alleging that two individuals owned several companies that provided services to the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS). The complaint alleged that these companies may have fraudulently billed DCS and may have engaged in fraud in other states as well. The complaint further alleged that one of these companies (the Company) had not paid their employees for serving DCS clients, had stopped serving DCS clients, had not paid their office lease, and were unable to be reached.

OIG Special Agent Chuck Coffin began an investigation. Due to allegations that the Company may have engaged in fraud involving federal money, the OIG and DCS briefed the U.S. Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General (HHS OIG) on the complaint, and

the HHS OIG agreed to lead a joint investigation with the OIG into the allegations.

During the course of the investigation, investigators reviewed a large volume of documents provided by DCS and the Company, including provider referrals and payment vouchers. HHS OIG investigators also interviewed several employees of the Company and several families who received DCS services.

The HHS OIG found that the Company employees had documentation to demonstrate that they had properly served DCS cases. The HHS OIG also found that the families served were familiar with the Company and stated that they had received services from the Company as documented in the records the Company provided to DCS. The HHS OIG closed their investigation into the Company in Indiana.

The joint investigation found insufficient evidence to support the allegation that the Company engaged in fraudulent billing. Furthermore, the HHS OIG did not request any additional investigation from the OIG on this case. As a result, the OIG is closing this case for insufficient cause.

Dated: August 12, 2019

APPROVED BY:

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