



## INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

2011-01-0009

March 1, 2013

### SPD DEPENDENT AUDIT INVESTIGATION

*Inspector General Staff Attorney Todd Shumaker, after an investigation by Special Agent Darrell Boehmer, 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 Department of Correction (IDOC) employee (Employee) who enrolled her granddaughter on her state-sponsored medical, dental, vision, and dependent life plans intermittently from 2002 through the time of the Audit.

The OIG is charged by the Indiana General Assembly 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 Darrell Boehmer was assigned to investigate. In reviewing documents provided by SPD and conducting interviews, Special Agent Boehmer discovered the Employee had received a letter previously explaining

that grandchildren were not eligible for coverage under the state benefit plans. When the Employee was found to have enrolled her granddaughter for coverage on the state plans again, IDOC conducted a pre-deprivation meeting and issued the Employee a letter of reprimand. IDOC advised the Employee to repay the state in full or face further disciplinary action.

On March 27, 2011 SPD received payment in full of \$204.55 from the Employee for the claims the state paid on behalf of her granddaughter.

Since the Employee had been previously informed of the ineligibility of her granddaughter for state benefits plans and reenrolled her granddaughter on her state-sponsored benefits plans off and on for nearly ten years, Special Agent Boehmer presented the findings of his investigation to the Marion County Prosecutor's Office on January 30, 2013 for consideration of criminal charges of Insurance fraud. Criminal prosecution was declined. The OIG agrees with this disposition, and with no further action to be taken at this time, this investigation is closed.

APPROVED BY:

/s/ David O. Thomas, Inspector General