



## INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

2011-01-0025

September 6, 2012

### 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), whose daughter was found to be ineligible based on her 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 Darrell Boehmer was assigned to investigate. Special Agent Boehmer spoke with Employee and learned Employee's daughter lived out

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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.

of state with her mother. Through various conversations Employee had with his daughter prior to the Audit, he erroneously believed she was either in school or would be attending school and would therefore remain an eligible dependent. During Employee's daughter's period of ineligibility, the State paid \$7,508.76 in medical claims on her behalf. Employee received a letter of reprimand from IDOC and entered into a repayment arrangement with the State.

Finding no basis for criminal charges, Special Agent Boehmer 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