



INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

2011-02-0060

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 a former Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (School) employee (Employee),¹ whose daughter was found to be ineligible based on her status as a student.²

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).

¹ Employee's employment with the School was terminated on November 27, 2010.

² 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.

OIG Special Agent Darrell Boehmer was assigned to investigate. Special Agent Boehmer obtained enrollment records from the Registrar at Ivy Tech Northwest and confirmed Employee's daughter had not been a full-time student per SPD's policies at any time following the calendar year in which she turned 19. SPD determined Employee's daughter was ineligible as of January 1, 2009 and sent a collection letter to Employee in the amount of \$139 for vision claims paid on his daughter's behalf after her eligibility had expired.

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 6th day of September, 2012.

APPROVED BY:

/s/ David O. Thomas, Inspector General