



## INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

2011-02-0062

December 31, 2012

### SPD AUDIT

*Inspector General Staff Attorney Kristi Shute, after an investigation by Special Agent Mike Mischler, reports as follows:*

On February 8, 2011, the Office of the Inspector General (“OIG”) received information from the State Personnel Department (“SPD”) stating that a former Department of Correction (“DOC”) employee possibly carried a former spouse and an ineligible dependent on her state provided health insurance. The SPD requested the OIG’s assistance in determining the spouse’s and dependent’s eligibility.

The SPD conducted a dependent eligibility verification audit using third party administrator AON Consulting. On June 29, 2010, AON Consulting sent the DOC employee a letter requesting that she complete and return the enclosed Affidavit Signature Form and provide documentation for her spouse and child to verify their eligibility. A copy of the child’s birth certificate, her marriage license and a copy of her 2009 federal tax return showing her marital status as married were required to complete the audit. She did not respond to this request.

Due to the lack of response, the DOC employee was given two additional extensions. As of January 4, 2011, the SPD had received a copy of the child's birth certificate, the former DOC employee's marriage license, a signed affidavit of marriage and a car title in the employee's and spouse's name. To complete the audit, however, a more recent proof of debt or a signed affidavit of marriage from the spouse was needed. As of February 8, 2011, she had not completed the audit.

To verify eligibility, Special Agent Mischler contacted the Indiana Department of Revenue. He learned that the former DOC employee and her spouse filed jointly in 2009. He also contacted the Marion County Clerk's Office and discovered that the former DOC employee and her spouse filed for divorce. The divorce, however, has not been finalized. Therefore, during the time in question, the former DOC employee was married to her spouse.

Since the former DOC employee was married to her spouse during the time in question, it has been determined that the claimed spouse and dependent were eligible to be on the former employee's state provided health insurance and no fraud was discovered. Therefore, this investigation is closed for lack of merit.

Dated this 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2012.

APPROVED BY:

/s/ David O. Thomas, Inspector General