



INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

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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 ex-wife had been left on his state-sponsored benefits plans following the finalization of their divorce.

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 and his ex-wife were divorced on November

17, 2008. The Employee provided IDOC with a copy of the decree following the divorce in order to have his ex-wife removed from his policy. The Employee's ex-wife, who was also a state employee, opened her own policy at that time; however, one of her providers had improperly billed the Employee's policy on two occasions in 2009 and 2010. The ex-wife advised the provider of the change and provided a copy of her new policy card.

After reviewing the documentation and interviewing the Employee and his ex-wife, Special Agent Boehmer believes any error was on the part of the provider for billing the incorrect policy and also in part because the State may not have properly removed the ex-wife from the Employee's policy. Special Agent Boehmer accordingly advises the investigation be closed at this time. Should additional evidence be brought forward, this case may be evaluated for further action.

APPROVED BY:

/s/ David O. Thomas, Inspector General