



## INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

2011-02-0037

February 28, 2011

### SPD AUDIT INVESTIGATION #10

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

On February 3, 2011, the Office of the Inspector General (“OIG”) received information from the State Personnel Department (“SPD”) stating that a former Family and Social Services Administration (“FSSA”) employee possibly carried ineligible dependents on her state provided health insurance. The SPD requested the OIG’s assistance in determining the dependents’ eligibility.

The SPD conducted a dependent eligibility verification audit using third party administrator AON Consulting. On June 29, 2010, AON Consulting sent the former FSSA employee a letter requesting that she complete and return the enclosed Affidavit Signature Form and provide documentation for her two children to verify their eligibility. Copies of both children’s birth certificates and the verification of full-time student status for one child were required to complete the audit. She did not respond to this request.

The former employee was given two additional extensions, but as of

February 3, 2011, she had not responded to or complied with the audit. Special Agent Mitchell contacted the former employee. She stated that she submitted the requested information to AON Consulting. She explained that upon receiving notification that AON Consulting had not received the information she submitted the same material to the Human Resources Representative at the facility where she worked. She also advised that she submitted her sons' birth certificates to FSSA when she applied for Medicaid assistance.

Subsequently, Special Agent Mitchell contacted a FSSA Investigator and determined that the former employee submitted birth certificates for both children. He also contacted the registrar for the high school the children attend and verified that both are currently full-time students and have been since August 2007, when they first enrolled.

Since it has been determined that the claimed dependents were eligible to be on the former employee's state provided health insurance and no fraud was discovered, this investigation is closed.

Dated this 28th day of February, 2011.

APPROVED BY:

/s/ David O. Thomas, Inspector General