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TO: Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

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SUBJECT: Office of the Welfare Inspector General (OWIG) Case Review for
Recipient Fraud

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

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The purpose of this GIS is to remind local districts of their responsibility to assist the Office of the Welfare Inspector General (OWIG) in its ongoing investigations of potential Medicaid overpayments.

OWIG performs criminal investigations based on information received from various sources, (e.g. phone calls, health care providers, other social services programs, and/or local districts' requests). When recipient fraud that could be considered criminal is identified, the degree of the criminal charge is usually determined by the amount of any improper Medicaid payments.

When the OWIG's investigation reveals that recipient fraud may have occurred, the OWIG will contact the appropriate local district for assistance in re-determining the recipient's eligibility and identifying the amount of Medicaid overpayment. Local districts are required to assist with these determinations.

Any questions should be directed to your local district support liaison.