

Kansas Medicaid Fraud Division

The Medicaid Fraud and Abuse Division was established within the Kansas Attorney General's Office in 1995.

The Division investigates and prosecutes:

- ◆ Health care providers who defraud the Medicaid program.
- ◆ Complaints of patient financial or physical abuse and neglect.

Who is a Medicaid Provider?

A provider is any individual or entity that supplies health care goods and services to Medicaid recipients.



This includes: doctors, dentists, hospitals, nursing homes, pharmacies, pharmaceutical companies, durable medical equipment sellers, transportation companies, home health care providers, or anyone else who submits claims to the Kansas Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid).

What is Provider Fraud?

Fraud is committed when the provider submits false information to the Medicaid program about services rendered or goods supplied to Medicaid recipients.



Medicaid fraud increases the cost of the Medicaid program, which will either cost taxpayers more or result in the denial of necessary services.

Examples of Medicaid Fraud

- ✓ Billing for medical services that were not actually performed.
- ✓ Billing for services that are not medically necessary, or are not for a medical purpose.
- ✓ Billing for a more expensive service than was actually provided.
- ✓ Double-billing, or billing to both Medicaid and a private insurance agency for the same medical service.
- ✓ Dispensing generic drugs and billing for brand-name drugs.
- ✓ Giving or accepting "kickbacks," or something of value in return for providing medical services.
- ✓ Falsifying cost reports.
- ✓ Billing for ambulance trips to doctor appointments.
- ✓ Billing for transportation that is not medically necessary or is not related to health care.
- ✓ Home health care visits that do not take place.



What is Patient Abuse and Neglect?

The Attorney General's Office investigates any reports of Medicaid-funded providers who abuse or neglect any patient. The health care facility must be receiving Medicaid funds, but the patient does not have to be a Medicaid recipient.



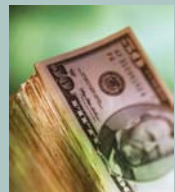
Abuse or neglect includes intentionally or recklessly-caused injury or negligent withholding of necessary and adequate food, physical care or medical attention.

Warning Signs of Abuse and Neglect:

- ◆ Unexplained injuries, burns or bruises that appear after the person has not been seen for several days
- ◆ Sexually transmitted diseases
- ◆ Unexplained difficulty sitting or walking
- ◆ Fear of being alone with caretakers
- ◆ Malnutrition
- ◆ Lack of personal cleanliness
- ◆ Begs for food or water
- ◆ In need of medical or dental care

Abuse of Patient Funds

The Attorney General's Office also investigates any reports of Medicaid-funded providers who have stolen money belonging to a patient in the hospital, nursing home or other health care facility. The patient filing the complaint does not need to be a Medicaid recipient.



**Message from
Attorney General Stephen Six:**



Dear Kansans,

Health care fraud is a serious problem in our country and costs taxpayers billions of dollars each year. The Medicaid Fraud and Abuse Division within the Kansas Attorney General's Office holds health care providers accountable.

This division investigates and prosecutes providers who defraud the Medicaid program. Our office also investigates and prosecutes complaints of patient neglect and financial or physical abuse.

Medicaid fraud can take many forms and cost Kansas taxpayers millions. By cracking down on providers who abuse the system, we can save health care dollars and spend the money to insure more citizens at a lower cost.

The Attorney General's Office always welcomes the assistance of citizens in our fight against fraud. To report Medicaid provider fraud or abuse, please call 1-866-551-6328.

Sincerely,

Stephen N. Six

**REPORT MEDICAID
PROVIDER FRAUD OR
ABUSE**



Please call:
1-866-551-6328
or **(785)368-6220**

**To report Medicaid Eligibility
Fraud, please contact SRS
at: 1-800-432-3913**

**Consequences for
Committing
Medicaid Fraud:**

- ✓ Termination of Medicaid Provider Service
- ✓ Loss of certification (LPNs, RNs, MDs)
- ✓ Exclusion from working in any facility receiving federal health care funds
- ✓ Arrest and prosecution
- ✓ Criminal penalties of fines and jail or prison time



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