



The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Aggressively Combats Fraud in the In-Home Health Care Program

If you suspect that Medicaid fraud or elder abuse and neglect has occurred in a Medicaid facility or has been committed by someone working for a Medicaid provider, immediately contact Adult Protective Services and your local law enforcement. Then, report the incident to the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) of the Office of the Virginia Attorney General at **1-800-371-0824** or **1-804-371-0779**.

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In-home health care and the consumer directed in-home health care programs were designed to provide health care for the elderly and disabled Medicaid recipients in their homes to avoid costly long term care in nursing homes. In-home health care companies assess the needs of the recipient and develop a care plan, as well as assign health care aides to provide care for the recipients based on their plan. Consumer directed in-home health care allows the Medicaid recipient to employ an aide of their own choosing to provide services in the recipient's home. This aide is then paid by Medicaid for the hours worked. In October 2012, the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU), working with the Department of Medical Assistance Services, identified an increase in the amount of fraud being committed by consumer directed in-home health care aides. In October 2012, the MFCU formed a special Squad to investigate these allegations of fraud. These investigations spanned the entire Commonwealth of Virginia. As a result of the work by this aggressive investigative Squad made up of highly trained individuals, 65 individuals were convicted of health care fraud. In addition, **\$462,814.00** was awarded in court ordered restitution for the Virginia Medicaid program.



VIRGINIA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE MEDICAID FRAUD CONTROL UNIT

The Commonwealth From Corner to Corner

Here is a partial schedule of the upcoming presentations on Medicaid Fraud and Elder Abuse & Neglect. For a full list of community outreach events, please visit us at www.oag.state.va.us.

- June 4** **Roanoke County Triad Meeting**
1:00 p.m. South County Library
6303 Merriman Road, Roanoke, VA
- June 11** **Hanover-Ashland Triad Meeting**
1:30 p.m. Ashland Police Department
601 England Street, Ashland, VA
- June 16** **Orange County Triad Senior
Crime Awareness Meeting**
10:00 a.m. Holiday Inn Express
750 Round Hill Drive, Orange, VA
- August 18** **Christiansburg Triad Meeting**
1:30 p.m. 1600 N. Franklin Street, Christiansburg,
VA



*Virginia Attorney General
Mark R. Herring*



MFCU Outreach Coordinator Amy Duncan
with Attorney General Mark Herring

**The Virginia MFCU's Community
Outreach Coordinators will soon be
coming to a congregation, club or civ-
ic group near you!**

What if you suspect fraud by a Medicaid Recipient?

Please contact the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS).

Recipient fraud may include:

- the deliberate failure to report income or to disclose resources
- unreported change in household member composition
- uncompensated asset transfer
- Medicaid card sharing, prescription fraud and drug diversion

Non-fraud examples are:

- eligibility errors due to recipient misunderstanding
- agency errors
- when Medicaid-covered services continue during the appeal process and the agency's cancellation action is upheld

When the investigation confirms that an individual received Medicaid services fraudulently, the claims paid on the recipient's behalf are determined and the overpayment amount is identified. Recipient fraud cases may be prosecuted by the local Commonwealth's Attorney's Office or in Federal court when joint investigations are involved.

The MFCU is statutorily prohibited from investigating Medicaid recipient fraud.



The Virginia Attorney General's Office is located in the Pocahontas Building at 900 East Main Street, Richmond, VA

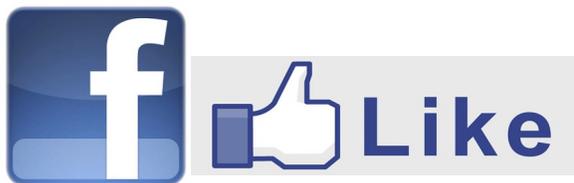


Contact info for DMAS:

Department of Medical Assistance Services
Recipient Audit Unit
600 East Broad Street
Suite 1300
Richmond, Virginia 23219
1-866-486-1971 or 804-786-1066

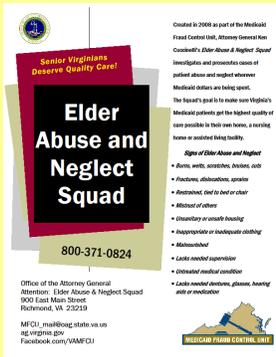
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Check out the Virginia Medicaid Fraud Control Unit's Facebook page today at www.facebook.com/VAMFCU to keep up with the latest news on Medicaid Fraud from across the Commonwealth and the nation. While there, you can also access detailed information about MFCU, including our mission, awards, and contact information. View and download photos of our recent visits to community organizations. Watch videos and check our calendar of events for upcoming presentations in your area. And, don't forget to click the "like" button if you want to join our list of friends. You may also follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/VaMFCU, and Pinterest at www.pinterest.com/VAMFCU.



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Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Elder Abuse and Neglect Squad



Order Materials for Your Community

Contact us at:

MFCU_mail@oag.state.va.us or by telephone, 1-800-371-0824, to order brochures, tip cards for first responders, elder abuse and neglect flyers.

**900 East Main Street
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For more information, additional copies, or to be placed on our distribution list to receive quarterly copies of this newsletter, please contact:

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If you would like to request a presentation on Medicaid Fraud or Elder Abuse and Neglect for your congregation, club or civic group, please contact Randy Davis at 804-786-7750 for Central Virginia, Debbie Bell at 540-562-3571 for the Roanoke area, Amy Duncan for Southwestern region of Virginia at 804-629-3582, Michele Leith for Northern Virginia at 703-246-3675, and William Shackelford for the Tidewater area at 804-921-8687.

