REPORTING MEDICAID PROVIDER FRAUD

A health care provider who is enrolled in the Medicaid program is also subject to Federal and State penalties for Medicaid fraud. Report any provider you suspect of:

- Billing for a service he or she did not perform or
- Providing a service that is not needed

Report suspected provider fraud to: Michigan Department of Attorney General, Health Care Fraud Division, PO Box 30218, Lansing, MI 48909, or call the 24-hour hotline: 1-800-24-ABUSE (1-800-242-2873).

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You may be prosecuted for fraud if you:

   1. Withhold information on purpose or give false information when applying for Medicaid or other medicaid assistance programs
      or
   2. Do not report changes that affect your eligibility to your FIA specialist

If you are found guilty under Federal law, you can be fined as much as $10,000 or can be sent to jail for up to a year or both. Also, your Medicaid or other medical benefits may be suspended for one year. Federal penalties are contained in Section 1909 of the Social Security Act.

You can also be prosecuted for fraud under State law. If you are found guilty, you can be sent to jail, fined and ordered to repay the State monies paid to you. And if you are convicted of a felony under the State law, your jail sentence may be up to four years.

Report cases of suspected fraud to your local Family independence Agency office, or call 1-800-222-8558. You do not have to give your name.