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RE: PUBLIC ACT No. 13-293

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING MEDICAID PROGRAM INTEGRITY

Dear Honorable Co-Chairs and Members of the Human Services and Appropriation Committees:

The attached joint report has been prepared by the Department of Social Services in coordination with the Office of the Chief State's Attorney and the Office of the Attorney General. The joint report represents the state's efforts to prevent and control fraud, abuse, and errors in the Medicaid payment system and to recover Medicaid overpayments. Included in this report is a final reconciled and unduplicated accounting of identified, ordered, collected and outstanding Medicaid recoveries for all sources. This report is for activity during the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner

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The Office of Quality Assurance ("QA") is responsible for ensuring the fiscal and programmatic integrity of programs administered by the Department of Social Services ("Department"). In addition, QA is responsible for ensuring the integrity of administrative functions of the Department. QA has five separate divisions, each with unique program integrity functions: Audit, Investigations and Recoveries, Special Investigations, Quality Control and Third Party Liability.

Audit Division

The Audit Division ensures compliance, efficiency, and accountability within federal and state programs administered by the Department by detecting and preventing mismanagement, waste and program abuse and ensuring that state and federal dollars are spent appropriately, responsibly, and in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. To achieve this objective, the Audit Division:

- Performs federally mandated audits of medical and health care providers that are paid through the various medical assistance programs administered by the Department;
- Reviews medical provider activities, audits claims, identifies overpayments, and educates providers on program integrity issues;
- Provides support and assistance to the Department's Special Investigations Division in the ongoing effort to combat fraud and abuse;
- Performs audits of the Department's operations, involving review of administrative and programmatic functions and the electronic data processing systems used in their support;
- Coordinates the Department's responses to all outside audit organization's reviews performed on the Department, including but not limited to, the State Auditors of Public Accounts and federal audit organizations;
- Reviews federal and state single audit reports and performs audits of financial, administrative and programmatic functions of the Department's grantees;
- Performs data analytics to identify aberrant billing activity and pursues collection of such overpayments; and
- Substantiates whether complaints received from various sources are valid and determines the proper disposition of the complaint including conducting an audit or forwarding to the Department's Special Investigations Division.

Investigations and Recoveries Division

The Investigations and Recoveries Division is comprised of two units; the Client Investigations Unit and the Resources and Recoveries Unit. Both units have investigation staff located at both central and statewide field office locations.

- Client Investigations Unit investigates alleged client fraud in various programs administered by
 the Department. This unit performs investigations via pre-eligibility, post-eligibility and other
 fraud investigation measures that include, but are not limited to, data integrity matches with
 other state and federal agencies. This unit also oversees the toll-free Fraud Hotline 1-800-8422155 that is available to the public to report situations where it's perceived that a public
 assistance recipient, a provider, or a medical provider may be defrauding the state.
- Resources and Recoveries Unit is charged with ensuring that the Department is the payer of last
 resort for the cost of a client's care by detecting, verifying, and utilizing third-party resources;
 establishing monetary recoveries realized from liens, mortgages, and property sales; and
 establishing recoveries for miscellaneous overpayments.

Special Investigations Division

The Special Investigations Division is comprised of two units; Provider Investigations and Provider Enrollment. Integration of the Office of Quality Assurance's Provider Enrollment functions within the Special Investigation Division enhances the integrity of the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP). The review of provider enrollment applications is the first line of defense against fraud.

- **Provider Investigations Unit** is charged with the responsibility of coordinating and conducting activities to investigate allegations of fraud in CMAP. When appropriate, credible allegations of fraud are referred to the Department's law enforcement partners pursuant to a memorandum of understanding (MOU). Parties to the MOU are the Office of the Chief State's Attorney, the Office of the Attorney General and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Inspector General. Each entity is responsible for independently investigating the Department's referral to determine if a criminal and/or civil action is appropriate.
- Provider Enrollment Unit is responsible for the review and approval of all provider enrollment
 and re-enrollment applications, on an on-going basis. This Unit also shares responsibility for
 ensuring the implementation of and adherence with the requirements for provider enrollment
 pursuant to 42 CFR 455 Subparts B and E and the Affordable Care Act. Coordination of efforts
 between the Provider Investigations Unit and Provider Enrollment Unit strengthens
 Connecticut's program integrity efforts.

Quality Control Division

The Quality Control Division is responsible for the federally-mandated reviews of child care, Medicaid, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs (SNAP). A newly-established set of federally-required Medicaid reviews has been implemented under the Payment Error Rate Measurement program. Reviews of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families cases and special projects may also be performed by this unit.

Third Party Liability Division

The Third Party Liability Division is responsible for the Department's compliance with federal Third Party Liability requirements and recovering tax-payer funded health care from commercial health insurance companies, Medicare and other legally liable third parties. The Division manages programs that identify client third party coverage and recover client health care costs.

Audit Division Statistics 07/01/15 - 06/30/16

Audits were conducted on 110 providers. The total amount of overpayments identified due to audits was \$14,490,192, the total amount of avoided costs identified was \$6,959,595 and the total amount of overpayments recovered was \$11,468,696. A total of 3 audits resulted in referrals to the Provider Investigations Unit. [Table 1.1]

Table 1.1						
Provider Type	Number of Audits	Amount of Overpayments Identified	Amount of Avoided Costs Identified	Amount of Overpayments Recovered	Referred to Provider Investigations Unit	
General Hospital	3	\$ 3,010,439	\$ 1,204,174	\$ 2,708,495	0	
CT Home Care Program	33	\$ 616,457	\$ 308,224	\$ 861,762	0	
DDS Waiver Program	10	\$31,843	\$15,920	\$19,859	0	
Physician, MD-Group	10	\$2,559,329	\$1,279,664	\$721,195	0	
Optician	1	\$35,089	\$17,544	\$35,089	0	
Dentist	1	\$254	\$127	\$80,549	1	
Dentist-Group	4	\$130,426	\$65,212	\$82,170	0	
Community Clinic	4	\$200,972	\$100,486	\$25,972	0	
Home Health Agency	11	\$578,341	\$304,722	\$746,934	1	
Pharmacy	23	\$1,767,015	\$883,508	\$1,609,067	0	
Medical Equipment Supplier	5	\$701,273	\$350,637	\$218,850	1	
Independent Laboratory	4	\$4,858,480	\$2,429,240	\$4,358,480	0	
Optometrist	1	\$274	\$137	\$274	0	
Total	110	\$14,490,192	\$6,959,595	\$11,468,696	3	

Note: Amount of overpayments identified is representative of audits closed in SFY 2016; however, overpayments recovered may be for audits conducted and closed prior to SFY 2016.

In addition to audits referenced in Table 1.1, the Audit Division also completed 114 integrity reviews/audits which resulted in identifying \$8,880,085 of overpayments, \$57,714,373 in avoided costs and \$8,815,282 of recovered overpayments. [Table 1.2]

Table 1.2					
Type of Audit/Review	Number of Audits	Amount of Overpayments Identified	Amount of Avoided Costs Identified	Amount of Overpayments Recovered	
Required self- reporting audits	40	\$8,422,965	\$0	\$8,422,965	
Claims Analysis Integrity Reviews	68	\$457,120	\$182,731	\$392,317	
Internal Audits	6	\$0	\$57,531,642	\$0	
Total	114	\$8,880,085	\$57,714,373	\$8,815,282	

A total of 301 complaints were received. A total of 13 complaints resulted in referrals to the Special Investigations Division. Table 1.3 identifies the number of complaints received for each source. The Department does not track reasons for complaints.

Table 1.3				
Source of Complaint	Number of Complaints			
Fraud Hotline	161			
E-mail	106			
Phone Call	2			
Letter	22			
Memo	4			
News Article	6			
Total	301			

Audit Contractor Statistics 07/01/15 - 06/30/16

Ten audits were conducted by HMS Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) which resulted in a total of \$351,138 in overpayments identified, \$175,568 in avoided costs identified and \$140,075 in overpayments being recovered. [Table 1.4]

Table 1.4						
Provider Type	Number of Audits	Amount of Overpayments Identified	Amount of Avoided Costs Identified	Amount of Overpayments Recovered		
ABI - Acquired Brain Injury	1	\$10,165	\$5,082	\$5,647		
Dentist - Group	9	\$340,973	\$170,486	\$134,428		
Total	10	\$351,138	\$175,568	\$140,075		

189 Long Term Care audits were conducted by HMS and Myers & Stauffer which resulted in a total of \$11,656,179 in overpayments identified and \$11,656,179 in overpayments being recovered. [Table 1.5]

Table 1.5					
Amount of Overpayments Amount of Overpayments Contractor Number of Audits Identified Recovered					
HMS	99	\$8,263,651	\$8,263,651		
Myers & Stauffer	90	\$3,392,528	\$3,392,528		
Total	189	\$11,656,179	\$11,656,179		

Special Investigations Division 07/01/15 - 06/30/16

Provider Investigations Unit

A total of 35 investigations were opened. A total of 31 investigations were referred to law enforcement for further action. A total of 9 investigations were closed by Investigations and, if applicable, forwarded to the Audit Division for whatever action deemed appropriate. Per a memorandum of understanding, referrals to law enforcement include the Connecticut Office of the Chief State's Attorney – Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU); the Connecticut Office of the Attorney General (AG); and the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General, Office of Investigations (OI). [Table 1.6]

		Table :	1.6	
Source	Provider Type	Investigations Opened	Investigations Referred to Law Enforcement	Investigations Closed
Audit	CHC Performing			
Division	Provider	1	. 0	0
Audit Division	Dentist	0	0	1
Audit Division	Dental Group	2	0	2
Audit Division	DME/MEDS	1	2	0
Audit Division	Physician	1	0	0
Complaint	ABI Provider*	1	2	0
Complaint	CHC Performing Provider	1	2	0
Complaint	Chiropractor	2	2	0
Complaint	Personal Care Assistant	5	8	0
Contractor	Alcohol & Drug Abuse Center	0		
Contractor	Behavioral		1	0
Contractor	Health Clinician Behavioral Health Clinician Group	3	2 5	0
Contractor	Clinic	1	0	1
Contractor	Dentist	1	1	0
Contractor	Dental Group	4	2	3
Contractor	Independent Lab	2	2	1
Contractor	Personal Care Assistant	2	0	0
Contractor	Physician	1	0	1
Contractor	Physician Group	1	1	0
Data Mining	Behavioral Health Clinician	3	0	0
Other State		_		
Agency	Dentist	1	1	0
Total	A COMMON AND SECTION ASSESSMENT	35	31	9

^{*}MEDS – Medical Equipment, Device and Supplies ABI-Acquired Brain Injury

A total of \$2,587,486 in overpayments in SFY 2016 was identified due to referrals to law enforcement.

All 31 investigations referred to law enforcement were completed within 12 months or less. Table 1.7 identifies the length of time that elapsed from the opening of the investigation to the closing of the investigation (referral).

Table 1.7				
Time Range	Investigations Completed and Referred to Law Enforcement			
Less than one month to six months	25			
Seven months to twelve months	6			
Thirteen months to twenty four months	0			
Twenty five months or more	0			
Total	31			

A total of 8 payment suspensions were initiated and 18 payment suspensions were in place in SFY 2016. Seventeen provider enrollments were terminated or suspended. [Table 1.8]

	Table 1.8						
Source	Provider Type	Payment Suspensions initiated in SFY 2016	Payment Suspensions in place SFY 2016	Provider Enrollments Terminated or Suspended			
Audit Division	Dental Group		1				
Audit Division	Home Health		1				
Complaint	Behavioral Health Clinician	1	2	1			
Complaint	Behavioral Health Clinician Group	1	1				
Complaint	Dentist	1		1			
Complaint	Dental Group		1				
Complaint	Physician-Psychiatry		1	1			
Contractor	Behavioral Health Clinician Group	1	1	1			
Data Mining	Behavioral Health Clinician	1	1	1			
Data Mining	Behavioral Health Clinician Group		1	1			
Data Mining	Independent Laboratory		1				
Law Enforcement- Federal	MEDS		1				
Law Enforcement- State	Dental Group		1				
Other State Agency	APRN	1	1	1			
Other State Agency	DDS Provider						
Previous Referral	Behavioral Health Clinician Group	2	2	-			
Previous Referral	Dentist		1				
Previous Referral	Dental Group						
Previous Referral	Independent Laboratory		1				
Total		8	18	7			

Investigations and Recoveries Division Statistics 07/01/15 - 06/30/16

The below information is supplemental to information required by Public Act No. 13-293.

A total of \$42,533,967 in avoided costs and recoveries are reported from the Investigations and Recoveries Division. [Table 1.9]

Table 1.9				
	Amount			
Cost Avoidance & Recoveries –				
Client Investigations	\$14,396,396			
Cost Avoidance & Recoveries –				
Resources and Recoveries	\$28,137,571			
Total	\$42,533,967			

In SFY 2016, 31 arrest warrants were referred to State's Attorney's Office for criminal prosecution. Of those 31 warrants, 26 resulted in arrests.

Third Party Liability Division Statistics 07/01/15-06/30/16

A total of 1,289,252 claims were selected for billing to commercial health insurance and Medicare with a total amount billed of \$172,784,119 for SFY 2016. Below is a breakdown of this information for the last three fiscal years. [Table 2.0]

Table 2.0						
	SFY	2014	SFY	2015	SFY	2016
	# of Claims	Amount Billed	# of Claims	Amount Billed	# of Claims	Amount Billed
Commercial Insurance	2,035,520	\$239,390,154	1,596,839	\$202,531,223	1,278,756	\$164,433,433
Medicare	27,580	\$6,225,381	28,420	\$14,924,309	10,496	\$8,350,686
Total	2,063,100	\$245,615,536	1,625,259	\$217,455,532	1,289,252	\$172,784,119

A total of 190,630 claims were recovered with a total amount of \$34,476,855 collected due to claims recovered from commercial insurance and Medicare for SFY 2016. Below is a breakdown of this information for the last three fiscal years. [Table 2.1]

Table 2.1							
	SFY	2014	SFY 2015		SFY 2016		
	# of Claims	Amount Collected	# of Claims	Amount Collected	# of Claims	Amount Collected	
Commercial Insurance	223,520	\$23,810,525	245,310	\$33,049,317	188,050	\$31,783,756	
Medicare	19,492	\$4,774,145	4,262	\$4,776,034	2,580	\$2,693,099	
Total	243,012	\$28,584,670	249,572	\$37,825,350	190,630	\$34,476,855	

A total of 711,199 claims with a total amount of \$98,410,427 were denied by commercial health insurance for SFY 2016. Below is a breakdown of this information for the last three fiscal years. [Table 2.2]

Table 2.2						
SF	SFY 2014 SFY 2015 SFY 2016					
Claims	Dollars	Claims	Dollars	Claims	Dollars	
1,307,794	\$143,472,683	1,385,315	\$157,089,856	711,199	\$98,410,427	

Reasons for commercial health insurance denial:

- Client did not have coverage that was in effect at time of service
- Health care service is not covered
- Deductible/copay was not met
- Health insurance plans maximum benefit for service had been met

Table 2.3 identifies the total number of files updated in the Department's client eligibility records; as well as, a breakdown of commercial health insurance policies added, changed or deleted.

	Table 2.3										
	SFY 2014 SFY 2015 SFY 2016										
Additions	Changes	Deletions	Total	Additions	Changes	Deletions	Total	Additions	Changes	Deletions	Total
94,083	53,248	2,298	149,629	138,750	37,552	2,839	179,141	157,707	61,894	1,498	221,099

A total of 536,322 health care claims were denied due to client health insurance or Medicare, resulting in a total amount of \$446,151,753 in costs avoided for SFY 2016. [Table 2.4]

Table 2.4					
Other Payment Source	Number of Claims	Dollar Amount			
Commercial Insurance	311,553	\$251,787,446			
Medicare	224,769	\$194,364,308			
Total	536,322	\$446,151,753			

Table 2.5 identifies the Medicaid dollar amount of Home Health and Skilled Nursing Facility services recovered through Medicare appeals.

Table 2.5				
Provider Type	Dollar Amount			
Home Health	\$289,902			
Skilled Nursing Facility	\$5,319,931			
Total	\$5,609,833			

Performance Standard

Table 2.6 identifies the return on investment (ROI) by division. ROI was calculated as (Division Recoveries + Cost Avoidance)/Division Cost.

Table 2.6				
Division	Return on Investment			
Audit Division	13.92			
Investigations and Recoveries Division	4.76			
Special Investigations Division	3.26			
Third Party Liability Division	52			

Projected Cost Savings

Audit Division

The Audit Divisions projected cost savings for SFY 2017 are \$75,500,000. [Table 2.7]

Table 2.7			
Description	Amount		
Audit Recoupments	\$13,000,000		
Audit Cost Avoidance	\$6,500,000		
Self-Reporting	\$6,000,000		
Integrity Reviews	\$50,000,000		
Total	\$75,500,000		

Investigations and Recoveries Division

The Investigations and Recoveries Division projected cost savings for SFY 2017 are \$41,058,767. [Table 2.8]

Table 2.	8
Description	Amount
Resources & Recoveries	\$27,135,243
Client Investigations	\$13,923,524
Total	\$41,058,767

Special Investigations Division

The Provider Investigations Unit projected cost savings for SFY 2017 are \$6,774,707. [Table 2.9]

Table 2.9				
Description	Amount			
Payment Suspensions	\$4,274,707			
Global Settlements	\$2,500,000			
Total	\$6,774,707			

Third Party Liability Division

The Third Party Liability Division projected cost savings for SFY 2017 are \$567,472,352 Table 3 identifies the projected cost avoidance, health insurance and Medicare recovery and Medicare Maximization recoveries for SFY 2017.

Table 3.0			
Description	Amount		
Cost Avoidance	\$527,535,472		
Benefit Recovery	\$32,510,340		
Medicare Maximization Recoveries	\$7,426,540		
Total	\$567,472,352		

New Initiatives to Prevent and Detect Overpayments

Audit Division

Provider Audit Unit:

- Develop standard forms on Microsoft Access for each provider type. This will increase efficiency
 by reducing the amount of time for completing reports, will clearly identify for staff what they
 needs to be accomplished to complete the audits, and will limit the time for reviewing the
 report and workpapers by the supervisor and manager.
- Develop internal audit reports for cost avoidance and increase federal reimbursement based on audits of providers.

Investigations and Recoveries Division

Client Investigations Unit:

- The Client Investigations Division will continue to investigate recipient EBT SNAP trafficking referrals through a coordinated and dedicated team statewide approach.
- The Client Investigations Division will continue to focus on increasing the number of arrest warrant affidavits processed and referred for arrests and prosecution.
- The Client Investigations Division will continue to emphasize staff individualized training plans
 focusing on increased knowledge of the latest technological advances to combat fraud, waste
 and abuse via social media monitoring and data analytics.
- The Client Investigations Division will continue to cross-train staff to assist in enhancing knowledge of the workforce.
- The Client Investigations Division will continue to conduct monthly supervisory meetings and semi-annual statewide training seminar/meetings.
- The Client Investigations Division will continue to share monthly statistical data, updates and best practices with statewide divisional staff.
- The Client Investigations Division will continue to address and screen a high percentage of Fraud Hotline complaints 'live' the same day they are received.

Special Investigations Division

The primary mission of the Special Investigations Division (SID) is to investigate potential cases of provider fraud, waste or abuse. This mission is accomplished through constant monitoring of national and local trends as well as seeking new ways to enhance the Division's detection of aberrant providers through data mining and collaboration with other state agencies.

Referrals to Law Enforcement:

- Continued efforts to enhance communication between all law enforcement partners to include the development of a secure website. This website, only accessible by DSS SID and their law enforcement partners, would be a centralized location to store all active DSS referrals and case listing. This structure would allow ease of transmission and retrieval of the DSS referrals and law enforcement's requests for assistance. This site is currently under development by the DSS IT Department and scheduled for release January 2017.
- Updating the SID's case tracking in order to minimize the time required to complete state and federal requests for information.
- Continue to develop ways to minimize the investigation time prior to making the referral to law enforcement.

Provider Enrollment:

- Integrating the QA's Provider Enrollment functions with those of the Special Investigations
 Division to enhance CMAP program integrity. This is done with the understanding that Provider
 Enrollment can be the first line of defense against fraud.
- Implementing federal ACA provider enrollment requirements that include, but are not limited to, finger printing of high risk providers and revalidation of all enrolled CMAP providers.

Staff:

 Encourage staff development by taking advantage of training provided by the Medicaid Integrity Institute, a federally reimbursed training program.

Third Party Liability Division

- Working in conjunction with Health Management Systems (HMS) the Department will continue
 to expand its matching and verification with Medicare Parts A, B & D to minimize the Medicaid
 payments for pharmacy, institutional and professional health care services. The Department
 plans to implement new Physician Pharmacy and Workers Compensation recovery projects.
- The Department is negotiating a settlement with the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services
 (CMS) to resolve outstanding CTDSS home health and skilled nursing facility Medicare appeals at
 the Administrative Law Judge level of appeal.
- Expected savings will be approximately \$5 million per year.



Office of the Attorney General State of Connecticut

Annual General Assembly Medicaid Joint Report Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

The Office of the Connecticut Attorney General ("CT OAG") has primary responsibility for enforcing the Connecticut False Claims Act, Conn. Gen. Stat. §17b-301a, et seq., as amended by 2014 Conn. Public Acts #14-217, §§ 1-18, 257, (the "Act"), which provides, inter alia, a civil cause of action to recover treble damages incurred by certain Connecticut healthcare-related programs due to the submission of fraudulent and false claims. The CT OAG's Antitrust and Government Program Fraud Department has operational responsibility for the conduct of investigations and civil enforcement actions under the Act. The CT OAG's mission here is to protect Connecticut's health and human service programs from fraudulent, wasteful and abusive schemes.

The primary focus of the CT OAG's health care fraud efforts is to detect, investigate and civilly prosecute health care provider fraud that results in financial loss to the State of Connecticut's health and human services' programs, including the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (of which Medicaid is a part). The CT OAG develops cases independently and in conjunction with other state and federal law enforcement and regulatory agencies. CT OAG staffing for these efforts includes Assistant Attorneys General, Forensic Fraud Examiners and Legal Investigators.

The data required by Conn. Gen. Stat. §17b-99(d) is presented in the attached report. In addition, in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. §17b-99(f) the CT OAG provides the following information:

1. Operational Protocols

The CT OAG utilizes a number of operational protocols to ensure it conducts its investigations efficiently and effectively, and utilizes the relevant tools at its disposal to obtain and assess probative information garnered through the investigation in order to reach the appropriate disposition in a given matter.

Among these protocols are:

a) <u>Intake and assessment of agency referrals and complaints</u> – the CT OAG follows a uniform approach in evaluating referrals it receives from federal and state agencies along with complaints from the public and other sources. Among the factors considered in opening an investigation are whether the allegations have indicia of reliability, the potential loss to the Medicaid program resulting from the alleged violation, and resource constraints. The CT OAG's practice is to accept or reject a referral from the DSS within forty-five (45) days from receipt of the referral, although such decisions are usually made within a shorter time period.

- b) <u>Development of investigative plans</u> At the beginning of each investigation assigned investigative staff will develop an investigative plan, which will be refined and updated as necessary. Where appropriate, investigative plans are developed in coordination with other agencies that may also be investigating the same matter (typically the Chief State's Attorney's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and/or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General/Office of Investigations).
- c) Appropriate use of compulsory process to obtain documents and/or testimony Where necessary subpoenas duces tecum (documents) and subpoenas ad testificandum (testimony) are utilized to obtain relevant information and evidence, and determine whether (i) there is a violation, (ii) the matter should be closed, or (iii) an alternate disposition is appropriate.
- d) Regular status meetings with investigative staff investigative staff meet with the assigned AAGs and the Chief of the department on a regular and "as needed" basis to assess the progress of the investigation or to discuss important issues or strategic considerations.

2. Projected Cost Savings

The CT OAG does not incorporate projected cost savings or recoveries into its long range operational plans. Rather, as discussed above, specific investigations are pursued based upon the indicia of reliability of the allegations, the quality of the evidence developed, and if the investigation leads to a basis for believing that there is a false claims violation, the potential for recovery to the Medicaid program, along with resource constraints. Similarly, the amount of Medicaid spend may be a factor in identifying specific data mining initiatives to develop new avenues of investigation (see subsection 3(c), below).

3. New Initiatives

During the past fiscal year the CT OAG has embarked on a number of new initiatives to identify, investigate, civilly prosecute and recover Medicaid program funds lost due to fraud, waste and abuse. Many of these initiatives are developed and conducted jointly with various federal and state agencies. Others are developed unilaterally within the CT OAG.

Among the initiatives implemented and/or further developed during this fiscal year are:

- a) <u>Training</u> general and specialized training programs exist in the marketplace that will assist in enhancing the knowledge and skillset of the CT OAG's staff and better prepare the staff for its mission. Accordingly, the CT OAG is exploring options for additional training for its attorneys, forensic fraud examiners and investigators. Training programs that might be suitable for staff training are offered by, e.g., the National Association of Medicaid Fraud Control Units, the U.S. Department of Justice's Medicaid Integrity Institute, and the National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association.
- b) <u>Liaison/coordination with private health care payors</u> the CT OAG is renewing an emphasis on strengthening its relationships with private payors and

establishing formal and informal procedures to share intelligence in an effort to identify additional referral and investigational leads.

- c) <u>Intelligence driven investigations</u> through its access to a third-party data analytic consultant contracted with the Office of Policy Management and the Department of Social Services, the CT OAG is placing greater emphasis on undertaking pro-active, intelligence driven investigations that utilize sophisticated data mining techniques and social network analysis. This new capability will assist the OAG and its partner agencies in identifying new health care sectors for analysis and possible investigation and/or potential specific fraudulent conduct for further investigation.
- d) <u>Unified state complaint website</u> the CT OAG worked with various state agencies to develop and launch a unified fraud reporting website to provide a "one stop" source to make it easier for the public to report fraud. The website's content provides information on the types of fraudulent conduct or false claims that impact state programs (i.e., healthcare, tax, competition) and examples of the conduct that may be violations of law. The website will enhance the public's ability to direct the complaint to the most appropriate agency. The website can be found at: www.fightfraud.ct.gov



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Number of investigations opened by source type:

CT - DCP	2
CT - DDS	1
CT - DPH	1
DSS	31
Fraud Tips	1
NAMFCU	22
Other	3
Private Citizen	1
Qui Tam Relator	54
US HHS-OIG	1

Total investigations opened:

117

General nature of allegations by provider type:

Provider type: Acquired Brain Injury- 52	Total: 2	
Nature of Allegations	Count	
Services not rendered	2	

 Provider type: All Other Providers - 98
 Total: 7

 Nature of Allegations
 Count

 False reporting of price
 1

 Falsified records
 1

 Overcharging
 2

 Retaining overpayments
 1

 Services not medically necessary
 1

 Upcoding
 1

Provider type: Behavioral Health Clinician Group - 86	Total: 3
Nature of Allegations	Count
Overcharging	2
Services not rendered	1
Provider type: Behavioral Health Clinician- 33	Total: S
Nature of Allegations	Total: 6 Count
Licensing non-compliance	
Services not rendered	1 4
Unbundling	1
Provider type: Chiropractor- 15	Total: 2
Nature of Allegations	Count
Upcoding	2
Provider type: Clinic- 08	Total: 1
Nature of Allegations	Count
Services not rendered	1
Provider type: CT Home Care Program- 57	Total: 4
Nature of Allegations	Count
Services not rendered	4
Provider type: Dentist Group- 76	Total: 4
Nature of Allegations	
Excessive services	1
Services not medically necessary	1
Services not rendered	2
Provider type: Dentist- 27	Total: 2
Nature of Allegations	Count
Services not rendered	2
Provider type: DME/Medical Supply Dealer- 25	Total: 1
Nature of Allegations	Count
Overcharging	1 1
Provider type: Extended Care Facility- 03	Total: 4
Nature of Allegations	Count
Quality of care	1
Services not rendered	3
Provider type: Home Health Agency- 05	Total: 1
Nature of Allegations	Count
Overcharging	1

Provider type: Laboratory- 28Total: 6Nature of AllegationsCountExcessive services1Kickbacks3Services not medically necessary1Services not rendered1

Provider type: Managed Care Organization Non-Federally Licensed Health Plan - 88 Total: 1

Nature of Allegations Count

Services not medically necessary 1

Provider type: Other- not within scope of CT False Claims Act

Nature of Allegations

Other- not within scope of CT False Claims Act

1

Provider type: Personal Care Services - 36Total: 6Nature of AllegationsCountServices not rendered6

Provider type: Pharmaceutical/ medical device company Total: 45 Nature of Allegations Count False reporting of price Kickbacks 20 Multiple billing 1 Off-label marketing 14 Overcharging 5 Quality of care Safety/Quality Control 2 Upcoding

Provider type: Pharmacy- 24 Total: 15 Nature of Allegations Count Drug diversion 1 Excessive services 1 Falsified records Kickbacks Licensing non-compliance 2 Most favored nation pricing Overcharging 3 Retaining overpayments 1 Safety/Quality Control

Provider type: Physician Group- 72

Nature of Allegations

Overcharging

Total: 1

Count

1

Provider type: Physician- 31

Provider type: Physician- 31	Total: 3
Nature of Allegations	Count
Multiple billing	1
Services not rendered	2

Provider type: Therapist Group- 87

Provider type: Therapist Group- 87	Total: 2
Nature of Allegations	Count
Overcharging	1
Services not medically necessary	1

Length of investigation for each case closed during reporting period:

Matter Number	Matter Name	Less than one month to six months	Seven months to twelve months	Thirteen months to twenty-four months	Twenty-five or more months
355443	US ex rel Kieff/LaCorte v Wyeth/ Pfizer (Protonix)				✓
422006	J & L MEDICAL SERVICES			,	√
422056	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL				✓
422325	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL	·			✓
422878	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL				✓
422942	CORNERSTONES PC				√
422944	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL				✓
423074	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL				√
423079	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL				✓
423430	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL				√
424136	QUEST LABORATORIES				√
424206	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL				√
424617	CVS (OXYCODONE, OXYCONTIN, ROXICODONE) GLOBAL				✓
424870	INSPIRE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. GLOBAL				√
425827	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL				√
427733	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL				√
427979	WYETH (PROTONIX) GLOBAL				√
429734	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL				✓

433196	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL				✓
435211	KATHLEEN ENNIS DBA KE HEALTH SERVICES, LLC.				✓
438541	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL				✓
440312	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL				✓
442124	NAIMETULLA SYED, MD				✓
442483	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL				✓
443320	NOVARTIS (KESTER-EXJADE/ MYFORTIC) GLOBAL				✓
443665	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL				✓
445517	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL				/
452308	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL				/
452326	WAL-MART (DUR) GLOBAL				
452865	State of CT v Patrick Pollak, DMD				· ·
454019	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL				/
455636	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL				/
457047	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL				
457320	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL				· /
463507	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL				
466991	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL				
469728	PEDIATRIC SERVICES OF AMERICA (GLOBAL)			✓	
471458	ASTRA ZENECA (STRECK/ AMP) GLOBAL		9	✓	
472926	PANOOR, LEELA A., MD			✓	
473203	REM CT COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.				√
474164	NuVasive (CoRoent) GLOBAL			✓	
900131	US ex rel DeGuzman v Inspire Pharmaceuticals, Inc.				✓
900159	US ex rel Shields v Genentech, Inc et al				✓
900164	US ex rel Alexander v Warner Chilcott PLC				✓
900166	US ex rel DeGuzman v Inspire Pharmaceuticals, Inc.				✓
900180	US ex rel Sehgal v Gilead Sciences, Inc.				1
900186	US ex rel. Kurnik v. Amgen, Inc., et al.				✓
900188	US ex rel Wible v Warner Chilcott				✓
900190	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL				√
900195	US ex rel Winkelman v CVS Caremark Corporation				1
900203	US ex rel Slowik v Olympus America, Inc.	-			1
900248	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL				✓ -

900250	State of CT v Anusavice/ Zamani			2	✓
900258	US ex rel Kelly v Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp				✓
900260	US ex rel Nargol v Depuy Orthopaedics, Inc.				✓
900273	US ex rel Bryan v Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.				✓
900279	US ex rel Schenkman v EBI, LLC/ Biomet, Inc.				✓
900281	US ex rel Fox Rx v Omnicare, Inc./ Neighborcare	a.			✓
900291	US ex rel Wise v Prasco LLC dba Prasco Labs				1
900313	US ex rel Porter v Qualitest Pharmaceuticals, Inc.				√
900314	US ex rel Hagerty v Cyberonics, Inc.				✓
900325	US ex rel Ardoin v UCB, Inc.				√
900326	US ex rel Fryer v. Steris Corporation				✓
900330	US ex rel Rahimi v Medco Health Solutions				✓
900333	US ex rel McCray v Pediatric Service of America				✓
900365	US ex rel Fenn v. Conceptus, Inc.				√
900368	US ex rel Ryan v Nuvasive, Inc.	<u>*</u>		√	
900370	US ex rel SMFPA LLC v. Omnicare, Inc./Neighborcare			✓	* ,
900372	US ex rel O'Dell v. Strata Pathology Services, Inc			1	
900377	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL				✓
900379	US ex rel Rush v. Walgreen Co.				√
900380	US ex rel Orszulik v. Thermo Fisher Scientific				✓
900393	US ex rel Piacentile v. Endothelix, Inc.	· ·		✓	
900394	US ex rel Ambrosecchia v Paddock Laboratories, LLC			✓	
900399	US ex rel Grefe v. Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp				✓
AF1402345	US ex rel Levey v. Boston Scientific Corporation			✓	
AF1403136	US & CT ex rel Hart v. J & L Medical Services LLC			✓ .	
AF1403985	Thomas L. DeRienzo, DMD			✓	
AF1406176	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL		5	✓	
AF1406409	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL			✓	
AF1406983	US ex rel Radice v. Astellas Pharma, Inc			✓	
AF1407045	State of CT v. Saaid Cherkaoui				✓
AF1409748	US ex rel Harcourt v. Healogics, Inc			✓	
AF1410236	US ex rel. Doe v. Philips Electronics			✓	
AF1410246	Conceptus (Essure) Global			✓	
AF1410739	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL			✓	
AF1411172	OSI/ Genentech (Tarceva) Global	•			

AF1411829	US ex rel Fox Rx v Walgreen Company			✓	
AF1411843	US ex rel Fox Rx v Omnicare, Inc/ Neighborcare			✓	
AF1413064	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL			√	
AF1414005	Cephalon (Streck / AMP) Global			✓	
AF1414205	US ex rel Shelby v. Spectracell Laboratories			√	
AF1415773	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL			√	
AF1416541	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL		/		
AF1412872	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL			✓	
AF1418402	US ex rel Kerri Glynn v. Leo Pharma, Inc		✓		
AF1503429	Millennium Labs (Medical Necessity) Global		✓		
AF1416975	Millennium Labs 2 Global		✓		
AF1505519	Accredo (Exjade) Global	✓			
AF1510871	Strata (Lab) Global	✓			
AF1509611	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL	-	✓		
AF1515792	Olympus (Slowik) Global		✓		
AF1516847	Pharmerica (Aranesp) Global	√			
AF1517646	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL	✓			
AF1517662	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL		√		
AF1517932	US ex rel Prough v Sunovion Pharmaceuticals Inc	✓			
AF1518856	US ex rel Laney v Millennium Health, LLC		1		
AF1522272	US ex rel Kelly v Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp		√		
AF1522721	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL		1		
AF1527157	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL	✓			
AF1527159	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL	✓			
AF1527160	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL	✓			
AF1527162	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL	✓			
AF1527164	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL	✓			
AF1527171	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL				
AF1601355	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL	√			
AF1602164	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL	√			
AF1602412	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL	· ✓			
AF1603015	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL	√			
AF1603017	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL				
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7	Service Control of Charles	Less than one month to six months	Seven months to twelve months	Thirteen months to twenty-four months	Twenty-five or more months
AF1609702	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL	/			
AF1606585	Philips Electronics (Respironics) Global	✓			*
AF1603344	CONFIDENTIAL MATTER AND/OR UNDER SEAL	✓			

Total matters by time range:

Final Disposition by provider type:

Provider Type	Disposition	Count
Acquired Brain Injury- 52	No Finding / Unsubstantiated	1
	Referred for Administrative Action	1
	Referred to Another Agency	1

Provider Type	Disposition	Count
All Other Providers - 98	Judgment for plaintiff	1
	No Action Required	3
	Settlement Agreement	3

Provider Type	Disposition	Count
Behavioral Health Clinician Group - 86	False Claims- withdrawn/dismissed by relator without prejudice	1

Provider Type	Disposition	Count
Behavioral Health Clinician- 33	No Action Required	1
	No Finding / Unsubstantiated	1

Provider Type	Disposition	Count
Clinic- 08	Referred for Administrative Action	1

Provider Type	Disposition	Count
CT Home Care Program Performing Provider- 58	No Action Required	1
	Referred to Another Agency	1

Provider Type	Disposition	Count
CT Home Care Program- 57	Referred to Another Agency	3

Provider Type		Count
Dentist Group- 76	No Action Required	3
	Referred to Another Agency	2
	Settlement Agreement	5
	Stipulated Judgment	2
Provider Type	Disposition	Count
Dentist- 27	No Action Required	1
	Referred to Another Agency	2
	Settlement Agreement	4
Provider Type	Disposition	Count
DME/Medical Supply Dealer- 25	Settlement Agreement	2
Provider Type	Disposition	Count
DMHAS TCM/DDS Billing Provider- 53	No Action Required	1
Provider Type	Disposition	Count
Extended Care Facility- 03	No Action Required	1
	No Finding / Unsubstantiated	1
Provider Type	Disposition	Count
General Hospital - 01	False Claims- withdrawn/dismissed by relator without prejudice	2
Provider Type	Disposition	Count
Laboratory- 28	False Claims- withdrawn/dismissed by relator with prejudice	1
	False Claims- withdrawn/dismissed by relator without prejudice	3
	Informal Action- Matter Resolved	1
	Referred for Administrative Action	1
	Settlement Agreement	2
Provider Type	Disposition	Count
Managed Care Organization Federally Licens Health Plan - 85	ed False Claims- withdrawn/dismissed by relator without prejudice	1
Provider Type	Disposition	Count
Provider Type Medical Equipment Supplier - 62	Disposition No Finding / Unsubstantiated	Count 1

Provider Type	Disposition	Count
Personal Care Services - 36	No Action Required	1
	No Finding / Unsubstantiated	1
	Referred to Another Agency	4

Provider Type	Disposition	Count
Pharmaceutical/ medical device company	Appeal-Affirmed in Part/Reversed in part	1
	Dismissed with Memorandum	3
	False Claims- withdrawn/dismissed by relator without prejudice	16
	No Action Required	3
	Referred to Another Agency	1
	Settlement Agreement	36

Provider Type	Disposition	Count
Pharmacy- 24	Appeal-Dismissed	2
	Dismissed with Memorandum	1
	False Claims- withdrawn/dismissed by relator with prejudice	1
	False Claims- withdrawn/dismissed by relator without prejudice	4
	No Action Required	3
	Referred to Another Agency	1
	Settlement Agreement	1

Provider Type	Disposition	Count
Physician Group- 72	Settlement Agreement	2

Provider Type	Disposition	Count
Physician- 31	No Action Required	2
	No Finding / Unsubstantiated	1
	Settlement Agreement	3

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Provider Type	Disposition	Count
Therapist Group- 87	Referred for Administrative Action	1

Recoveries during report period:

AG Matter Number: 355443 - US ex rel Kieff & LaCorte v Wyeth/ Pfizer (Protonix)

Total Amount per Matter (355443): \$12,084,721.65

Amount Type	Program	Received Date	Amount
Restitution	State Program Recovery-DSS	06/03/2016	\$2,000,000.00
	Medicaid - Federal Share	06/16/2016	\$5,109,974.30
	Medicaid - State Share	06/16/2016	\$4,974,747.35

AG Matter Number: 422942 - CORNERSTONES PC

Total Amount per Matter (422942): \$90,000.00

Amount Type	Program	Received Date	Amount
Restitution	Medicaid - State Share	07/10/2015	\$54,000.00
	Medicaid - Federal Share	07/10/2015	\$36,000.00

AG Matter Number: 424136 - QUEST LABORATORIES

Total Amount per Matter (424136): \$3,497,133.00

Amount Type	Program	Received Date	Amount
Restitution	Medicaid - Federal Share	10/30/2015	\$1,748,566,50
	Medicaid - State Share	10/30/2015	\$1,748,566.50

AG Matter Number: 435211 - KATHLEEN ENNIS DBA KE HEALTH SERVICES, LLC.

Total Amount per Matter (435211): \$36,000.00

Amount Type	Program	Received Date	Amount
Restitution	Medicaid - Federal Share	08/20/2015	\$14,400.00
,	Medicaid - State Share	08/20/2015	\$21,600.00
	Medicaid - State Share	08/20/2015	

AG Matter Number: 442124 - NAIMETULLA SYED, MD

Total Amount per Matter (442124): \$422,641.70

Amount Type	Program	Received Date	Amount
Restitution	Medicaid - Federal Share	06/16/2016	\$123.887.10
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Medicaid - State Share	06/16/2016	\$20,775.99
Medicaid - State Share	06/16/2016	\$165,054.67
Other	06/16/2016	\$112,923.94

AG Matter Number: 473203 - REM CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

Total Amount per Matter (473203): \$1,500,000.00

Amount Type	Program	Received Date	Amount
Restitution	Medicaid - Federal Share	05/26/2016	\$594,512.50
	Medicaid - State Share	05/26/2016	\$594,512.50
	Medicaid - Federal Share	05/26/2016	\$155,487.50
	Medicaid - State Share	05/26/2016	\$155,487.50

AG Matter Number: 900057 - UNITED STATES, EX REL. MEREDITH McCOYD v. ABBOTT LABORATORIES

Total Amount per Matter (900057): \$69,708.97

Amount Type	Program	Received Date	Amount
Restitution	Medicaid - Federal Share	10/26/2015	\$41,426.71
	Medicaid - State Share	10/26/2015	\$16,102.63
	Medicaid - State Share	04/28/2016	\$12,179.63

AG Matter Number: 900067 - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ex rel. RONALD J. STRECK v. ALLERGAN, INC., ET AL.

Total Amount per Matter (900067): \$681,717.27

Amount Type	Program	Received Date	Amount
Restitution	Medicaid - Federal Share	08/03/2015	\$25,744.90
	Medicaid - State Share	08/03/2015	\$29,459.37
	State Program Recovery-DSS	09/23/2015	\$25,930.46
,	Medicaid - Federal Share	10/26/2015	\$93,107.03
	Medicaid - State Share	10/26/2015	\$96,800.41
	State Program Recovery-DSS	11/20/2015	\$20,000.00
	Medicaid - State Share	11/17/2015	\$181,699.83
	Medicaid - Federal Share	11/17/2015	\$208,975.27

AG Matter Number: 900131 - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ex rel. JILL DeGUZMAN v. INSPIRE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Total Amount per Matter (900131): \$29,511.27

Amount Type	Program	Received Date	Amount
Restitution	Medicaid - Federal Share	07/08/2015	\$15,230.85
	Medicaid - State Share	07/08/2015	\$14,280.42

AG Matter Number: 900159 - US ex rel. BRIAN SHIELDS v. GENENTECH, INC., OSI Pharmaceuyticals Inc and Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp.

Total Amount per Matter (900159): \$105,754.22

Amount Type	Program	Received Date	Amount
Restitution	Medicaid - Federal Share	06/21/2016	\$46,673.73
	Medicaid - State Share	06/21/2016	\$59,080.49

AG Matter Number: 900164 - USA, ex rel. LISA A. ALEXANDER and JAMES P. GOAN v. WARNER CHILCOTT PLC, WARNER CHILCOTT CORPORATION, WARNER CHILCOTT (US) INC. and JOHN DOES #1-100, FICTITIOUS NAMES

Total Amount per Matter (900164): \$383,647.54

Amount Type	Program	Received Date	Amount
Restitution	Medicaid - Federal Share	05/05/2016	\$156,475.57
	Medicaid - State Share	05/05/2016	\$207,171.97
	State Program Recovery-DSS	04/25/2016	\$20,000.00

AG Matter Number: 900186 - USA ex rel. Frank Kurnik v. Amgen, Inc., et al.

Total Amount per Matter (900186): \$62,940.59

Amount Type	Program	Received Date	Amount
Restitution	Medicaid - Federal Share	12/04/2015	\$32,406.32
	Medicaid - State Share	12/04/2015	\$30,534.27

AG Matter Number: 900203 - USA ex rel. JOHN SLOWIK v. OLYMPUS AMERICA, INC., OLYMPUS CORPORATION, OLYMPUS MEDICAL SYSTEMS CORP., GYRUS GROUP PLC and GYRUS ACMI

Total Amount per Matter (900203): \$928,402.23

Amount Type	Program	Received Date	Amount
Restitution	Medicaid - Federal Share	05/16/2016	\$393,304.90
	Medicaid - State Share	05/16/2016	\$535,097.33

AG Matter Number: 900217 - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ex rel. DAVID M. KESTER v. NOVARTIS PHARMACEUTICALS CORPORATION, ETC.

Total Amount per Matter (900217): \$4,122,737.97

Amount Type	Program	Received Date	Amount
Restitution	State Program Recovery-DSS	07/28/2015	\$29,090.78
	Medicaid - Federal Share	08/03/2015	\$363,189.96
	Medicaid - State Share	08/03/2015	\$367,950.24
	State Program Recovery-DSS	01/08/2016	\$195,759.54
	Medicaid - State Share	01/13/2016	\$22,894.14
	Medicaid - State Share	02/10/2016	\$60.20
96	Medicaid - Federal Share	02/10/2016	\$1,514,182.90
	Medicaid - State Share	02/10/2016	\$1,629,610.21

AG Matter Number: 900250 - STATE OF CONNECTICUT v. GARY ANUSAVICE, MEHRAN ZAMANI, et al.

Total Amount per Matter (900250): \$66,201.60

Amount Type	Program	Received Date	Amount
Restitution	Medicaid - State Share	01/08/2016	\$20,000.00
	Medicaid - Federal Share	01/08/2016	\$8,000.00
	Medicaid - State Share	01/08/2016	\$12,000.00
	Medicaid - State Share	06/15/2016	\$15,704.76
	Medicaid - Federal Share	06/15/2016	\$10,496.84

AG Matter Number: 900313 - US ex rel. Dr. Stephan Porter v. Qualitest Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Total Amount per Matter (900313): \$102,443.47

Amount Type	Program	Received Date	Amount
Restitution	Medicaid - Federal Share	02/25/2016	\$49,596.74
ř.	Medicaid - State Share	02/25/2016	\$52,846.73

AG Matter Number: 900333 - USA ex rel. SHEILA McCRAY v. PEDIATRIC SERVICE OF AMERICA, INC. (Delaware & Georgia), Pediatric Healthcare, Inc. Pediatric Nursing Services, Collectivtly dba PSA Healthcare, Portfolio Logic, LLC

Total Amount per Matter (900333): \$265,547.78

Amount Type	Program	Received Date	Amount
Restitution	Medicaid - Federal Share	08/05/2015	\$110,691.50
·	Medicaid - State Share	08/05/2015	\$154,856.28

AG Matter Number: 900368 - USA ex rel. KEVIN J. RYAN v. NUVASIVE, INC.

Total Amount per Matter (900368): \$34,263.19

Amount Type	Program	Received Date	Amount
Restitution	Medicaid - Federal Share	10/15/2015	\$11,831.51
	Medicaid - State Share	10/15/2015	\$13,048.03
	State Program Recovery-DSS	10/07/2015	\$9,383.65

AG Matter Number: AF1403136 - US & CT ex rel John Hart v. J & L Medical Services LLC

Total Amount per Matter (AF1403136): \$154,191.00

Amount Type	Program	Received Date	Amount
Restitution	Medicaid - State Share	01/26/2016	\$92,514.59
	Medicaid - Federal Share	01/26/2016	\$61,676.41

AG Matter Number: AF1403985 - Thomas L. DeRienzo, DMD

Total Amount per Matter (AF1403985): \$55,713.36

Amount Type	Program	Received Date	Amount
Restitution	Medicaid - State Share	12/14/2015	\$33,000.00
	Medicaid - Federal Share	12/14/2015	\$22,000.00
-	Medicaid - State Share	12/21/2015	\$428.02
	Medicaid - Federal Share	12/21/2015	\$285.34

AG Matter Number: AF1407045 - State of CT v. Saaid Cherkaoui

Total Amount per Matter (AF1407045): \$2,000.00

Amount Type	Program	Received Date	Amount
Restitution	Medicaid - Federal Share	01/04/2016	\$1,000.00
	Medicaid - State Share	01/04/2016	\$1,000.00

AG Matter Number: AF1410236 - US ex rel. Dr. John Doe v. Philips Electronics North America, Philips Healthcare, Philips Respironics, and Medsage Technologies

Total Amount per Matter (AF1410236): \$62,361.38

Amount Type	Program	Received Date	Amount
Restitution	Medicaid - Federal Share	06/16/2016	\$23,909.17
	Medicaid - State Share	06/16/2016	\$38,452.21

AG Matter Number: AF1416975 - Millennium Labs 2 Global

Total Amount per Matter (AF1416975): \$2,412.26

Amount Type	Program	Received Date	Amount
Restitution	Medicaid - Federal Share	01/11/2016	\$636.87
	Medicaid - State Share	01/11/2016	\$1,775.39

AG Matter Number: AF1604511 - State of CT v. PANOOR, LEELA A., MD

Total Amount per Matter (AF1604511): \$12,000.00

Amount Type	Program	Received Date	Amount
Restitution	Medicaid - State Share	02/29/2016	\$1,800.00
	Medicaid - Federal Share	02/29/2016	\$1,200.00
	Medicaid - State Share	04/01/2016	\$1,800.00
	Medicaid - Federal Share	04/01/2016	\$1,200.00
	Medicaid - State Share	05/04/2016	\$1,800.00
	Medicaid - Federal Share	05/04/2016	\$1,200.00
	Medicaid - State Share	06/01/2016	\$1,800.00
	Medicaid - Federal Share	06/01/2016	\$1,200.00

Recoveries Total from above report:

\$24,772,050.45

Recoveries Summary during Fiscal Year:

Program	Amount
Medicaid - Federal Share	\$10,978,470.42
Medicaid - State Share	\$11,380,491.66
Other	\$112,923.94
State Program Recovery-DSS	\$2,300,164.43
Total Recovery during fiscal year:	\$24,772,050.45

State Recovery Summary:

Program	Amount
Medicaid - State Share	\$11,380,491.66
Relator A	\$-505,349.89
State Program Recovery-DSS	\$2,300,164.43
Net State Recovery:	\$13,175,306,20

<u>Note:</u> Net state recovery excluding federal share of Medicaid and deducting state relator shares reported above.

The number of referrals declined for cases closed during reporting period and reason:

Reason Declined	Count
Complaint withdrawn by relator	32
Enforcement discretion	6
Insufficient damages	2
Insufficient evidence	5
Most appropriately handled by another agency	20
Not a violation of law	1

Total number of referral declined:

66



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Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee State Capitol 210 Capitol Avenue - Room 506 Hartford, Connecticut 06106-1591

RE: ANNUAL JOINT MEDICAID REPORT REQUIRED PURSUANT TO GENERAL STATUTES §17b-99b(a)

Dear Committee Members:

Attached is the report of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit ("MFCU") in the Office of the Chief State's Attorney, pursuant to General Statutes §17b-99b(a), which provides that the Commissioner of Social Services, in coordination with the Chief State's Attorney and the Attorney General, shall submit a joint report on the state's efforts to prevent and control fraud, abuse and errors in the Medicaid payment system and to recover Medicaid overpayments. This report covers MFCU activity during the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Very truly yours,

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Annual General Assembly Medicaid Joint Report Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

The Connecticut Medicaid Fraud Control Unit ("MFCU") exists as a single identifiable entity of the state government within the Division of Criminal Justice, Office of the Chief State's Attorney. Pursuant to 42 United States Code §1007.11 (a), the MFCU is charged with conducting "a Statewide program for investigating and prosecuting (or referring for prosecution) violations of all applicable State laws pertaining to fraud in the administration of the Medicaid program, the provision of medical assistance, or the activities of providers of medical assistance under the state Medicaid plan."

The MFCU was first certified in 1978 by the Office of the Inspector General in the United States Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS"). The MFCU must satisfy annually twelve federal performance standards in order to retain its federal certification, which is a condition of Connecticut's eligibility for federal reimbursement of the state's Medicaid plan.

According to the federal performance standards, which take into account various factors including the size of Connecticut's total Medicaid expenditures, the MFCU is authorized to have sixteen professional staff employees. But, in this reporting period, the Unit has struggled with significant understaffing. Circumstances have forced us to make do with a staff level that has varied between eight and eleven. The current staff of eleven includes the Director, two Assistant State's Attorneys, one Supervisory Police Inspector, four Police Inspectors, two Forensic Fraud

Examiners and a Secretary. HHS pays seventy-five percent of the cost of operating the MFCU. The Unit's annual recoveries, which sometimes can vary widely year-to-year, typically exceed the total operating costs.

During the one year period covered by this report, the MFCU opened 58 new cases for investigation (in comparison, 49 last year), made 5 arrests (in comparison, 10 last year) and obtained 7 convictions (in comparison, 6 last year). As of June 30, 2016, the Unit had pending 69 pre-arrest (in comparison, 62 last year) and 12 post-arrest cases (in comparison, 10 last year).

The data required by Conn. Gen. Stat. §17b-99b(c) is presented in the documents attached hereto. Additionally, pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §17b-99b(f) the MFCU provides the following information:

1. Operational Protocols

The MFCU utilizes a number of law-enforcement-confidential operational protocols, consistent with our federal performance standards, to ensure it conducts its investigations efficiently and effectively. It utilizes the tools at its disposal, which, unfortunately, still does not include investigative subpoena authority, to obtain and evaluate information during the investigative process in order to reach an appropriate disposition in every matter.

Among these protocols are:

a) Intake and Assessment of Referrals and Complaints: The MFCU follows the protocol required by the federal performance standards to evaluate the referrals it receives from partner agencies and the complaints it receives from the general public and other sources. Among the factors considered in opening an investigation are whether the allegations bear indicia of reliability, the potential loss to the Medicaid program resulting from the alleged violation, and operational resource constraints. The MFCU's practice is to accept or reject a referral from the DSS within 45 days from receipt of the referral, although such decisions often are made in less time.

- b) Investigative Plans: Each investigation is assigned to an attorney, a lead investigator and a forensic fraud examiner. There is an approved investigative plan, which is revisited and updated throughout the investigative process. If it is appropriate to do so, then an investigative plan may be developed and executed in coordination with other agencies that may also be investigating the same matter (typically the Attorney General's Office and/or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General/Office of Investigations).
- c) <u>Status Meetings</u>: Investigators meet with supervisors and others on a regular and as-needed basis to assess the progress of the investigation or to discuss important issues or strategic considerations.

2. Projected Cost Savings

The MFCU does not consider projected cost savings as part of its long range operational plans in criminal cases, other than to consider actual value as a factor in the decision whether to pursue a case.

3. New Initiatives

The MFCU is limited by federal law with respect to both how it may initiate investigations and what subject matter it may investigate. Primarily, we are authorized to pursue allegations of Medicaid fraud committed by providers who are brought to our attention through referral or complaint. We can also investigate a limited number of other matters involving facilities that receive Medicaid funding, regardless of whether the putative victim is a Medicaid recipient. We are currently prohibited from taking affirmative steps on our own to identify Medicaid fraud, although that federal rule is currently evolving and may result in a favorable change. For now, however, we rely on our partner agencies, principally the Department of Social Services, which does a truly outstanding job of identifying potential fraud and then referring it to us for investigation as required by federal law.

In this reporting period, the MFCU continued to participate in the development and launch of a unified state fraud reporting website which

can be found at: www.fightfraudct.ct.gov.

The MFCU also continued to derive significant benefit from information and data provided by a third-party consultant contracted by the Office of Policy and Management and the DSS, specifically inasmuch as this resulted in an increase in the number of potential fraud cases that were identified and referred to us for investigation and prosecution.

The MFCU Director is the chair of a committee which consists of the Directors of the Medicaid Fraud Control Units of six New England states. At our first meeting in 2016, we began planning for the eventual coordination and sharing of operational data involving those providers identified as so-called "known bads." This project is expected to help us identify fraudulent practices that rarely are limited by geographical boundaries.

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Source Type	Count
HHS-OIG	1
Law Enforcement	1
Licensing Board	4
Private Citizen	2
Medicaid Agency - Other	19
Provider	1
SUR/S - Medicaid Agency	30
Total Investigations Opened:	58

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Medical Services - Home Health Agency		
False Claims	Total	1
Medical Services - Lab, Clinical		
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Kickbacks		2
	Total	4
Medical Services - Medical Device Manufacturer		
False Claims	•	1 -
Kickbacks		2
	Total	3
Medical Services - Pharmaceutical Manufacturer		
Anti-trust Violation		1
Kickbacks		2
Off-Label Marketing/Unapproved by FDA		2
Inaccurate Rebates		2
	Total _	7
Medical Services - Pharmacy, Institutional Wholesale		
Kickbacks	Total	1
Medical Services - Pharmacy, Retail		
Best Price/Usual & Customary		1
Data Assist, Out-of-State MFCU		1
Kickbacks		1
Various Allegations of Wrongdoing - NAMFCU Global		1
	Total	4
Program Related - Medicald Program Administration		
Embezzlement	Total	1
Total Count for all Provider		<u>58</u>

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2012-00009	[Redacted]				iv
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2014-00120	[Redacted]			iii	
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2014-00167	NuVasive #14-04-01 [Coroent®]			iii	
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2015-00045	Millennium Laboratories 15-03-01		ii		
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2015-00104	[Redacted]		ii		
2015-00118	Cephalon #14-10-12	i			
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2015-00157	Olympus #15-07-01		ii		
2015-00159	[Redacted]	i			
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2015-00220	Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp #15-08-01	i			
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49	Totals	24	4	10	11

Provider Type	Disposition Category	Count
Facility Based Inpatient - Developmental Disability Facility	Insufficient Evidence	
Facility Based Inpatient - Hospital	Insufficient Evidence	
Facility Based Inpatient - Nursing Facilities	No Criminal Aspect	
Facility Based Inpatient - Other (Drug and Alcohol Abuse Ctr.)	No Criminal Aspect	1
Physician - Emergency/Pain Medicine	Insufficient Evidence	2
Physician - Psychiatry	Lack of Evidence	
Licensed Practitioner - Dentist	Insufficient Evidence	1
Licensed Practitioner - Dentist	No Criminal Aspect	1
Licensed Practitioner - Nurse (RN/LPN or other Licensed)	Prosecution	
Licensed Practitioner - Psychologist	Insufficient Evidence	
Other Individual Providers - Acquired Brain Injury	Discretion of Prosecutor	1
Other Individual Providers - Personal Care Attendant	Handled by Another Law Enforcement Agency	
Other Individual Providers - Personal Care Attendant	Lack of Evidence	
Medical Services - DME, Prosthetics, Orthotics & Supplies	Civil Action	1
Medical Services - DME, Prosthetics, Orthotics & Supplies	Discretion of Prosecutor	
Medical Services - Home Health Agency	Civil Action	
Medical Services - Home Health Agency	No Criminal Aspect	1
Medical Services - Lab (Clinical)	Civil Action	1
Medical Services - Lab (Clinical)	Insufficient Evidence	
Medical Services - Lab (Clinical)	Lack of Evidence	1
Medical Services - Lab (Clinical)	No Criminal Aspect	1
Medical Services - Medical Device Manufacturer	Civil Action	
Medical Services - Medical Device Manufacturer	Insufficient Evidence	1
Medical Services - Pharmaceutical Manufacturer	Civil Action	10
Medical Services - Pharmaceutical Manufacturer	Insufficient Evidence	5
Medical Services - Pharmacy (Retail)	Assist Complete	
Medical Services - Pharmacy (Retail)	Civil Action	
Medical Services - Pharmacy (Retail)	Insufficient Evidence	
Total Cases Cl	osed:	49

Connecticut Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Medicaid Joint Report FYE 6/30/2016 (c)(5) Monetary Recovery Sought and Realized

Action Type	Recovery Sought	Recovery Realized
Criminal Charges	68,621.88	78,684.40
Settlements	18,988,522.49	19,521,209.33
Judgments	404,798.00	12,000.00
Totals:	19,461,942.37	19,611,893.73

Reason Declined	Count
Discretion of the Prosecutor	2
Handled By Another Law Enforcement Agency	1
Insufficient / Lack of Evidence	5
No Criminal Aspect	2
Total, Declined Referrals / Complaints:	10

Connecticut Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Medicaid Joint Report FYE 6/30/2016 Arrests and Convictions

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Outcome	Count
Arrests	5
Convictions	7

Connecticut Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Medicaid Joint Report FYE 6/30/2016 Pre-Arrest and Post Arrest Cases Open at Year's End

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Arrest Status	Count		
Pre-Arrest	69		
Post Arrest	12		
Pre & Post Arrest	81		