
DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the Medicaid Recipient Fraud Unit within the office of the attorney general and provides for administration, duties, and funding of the unit.

Proposed law expresses the intent of the legislature that the office of the attorney general and the La. Department of Health (LDH) work cooperatively to detect, investigate, and prosecute Medicaid recipient fraud.

Proposed law creates the Medicaid Recipient Fraud Unit (MRFU) within the criminal division of the office of the attorney general. Requires that the MRFU be responsible for operating a statewide program for the investigation and prosecution of violations of present law regarding any aspect of fraud in connection with any aspect of the receipt of Medicaid benefits.

Proposed law deems the MRFU an extension of the Medicaid program integrity function of LDH.

Proposed law provides that the MRFU shall be funded through the appropriation to LDH for administration of the Medicaid program. Stipulates that the attorney general shall work with LDH in preparing the annual budget for the MRFU.

Proposed law requires LDH to perform a preliminary review of all Medicaid recipient fraud complaints reported to it pursuant to federal Medicaid regulations, 42 CFR 455.14. Provides that for each complaint for which there appears to be a credible allegation of fraud, LDH shall refer that complaint to the MRFU for investigation and prosecution.

Proposed law requires the attorney general to submit quarterly reports notifying LDH of the status and disposition of Medicaid recipient fraud matters handled by the MRFU.

(Adds R.S. 46:440.4)