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Office of Inspector General Enhances Web site

Web site Improvements streamline ability to report Medicaid fraud and abuse

ATLANTA – To accomplish the mission of safeguarding the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH), and the Medicaid program from fraud and abuse, the DCH Office of Inspector General (OIG) announced enhancements to its existing Web site.

The newly launched Web site will allow individuals to anonymously report fraud, abuse or deliberate waste of Medicaid program benefits with a click of mouse. The Web site also highlights recent medical provider indictments that have occurred in Georgia and includes information that encourages providers to self-audit in an effort to identify claims errors and overpayments.

“By exercising fiscal oversight over both state and federal Medicaid funds, we are ensuring that are Medicaid program is able to serve the individuals that need it the most,” said Robert Finlayson III, DCH’s Inspector General. “We are confident that by making fraud and abuse reporting electronic and anonymous, individuals will be more likely to help the state manage the misuse of funds.”

In February 2006, Commissioner Medows created the OIG. The OIG is charged with identifying and responding to fraud and abuse within the system, and assisting providers with education and corrective action.

For more information on OIG or to report fraud and abuse, visit www.dch.georgia.gov/inspectorgeneral.