Indiana Self-Verification Guide: Detecting Possible Misuse of Benefits and Services in Your Name (Parents & Caregivers)

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Purpose: This document provides an Indiana-specific, legally safe pathway for parents, caregivers, and guardians to verify whether public benefits or services were billed, paid, or claimed using their own identity or that of a dependent, and outlines official steps to take when discrepancies are identified.

Introduction

Reports on social media and in news coverage sometimes describe situations in which services appear to have been billed, reimbursed, or funded in a person's name—or a child's name—without the individual's knowledge or consent. In Indiana, there is **no centralized public database** that allows a name-based search across all benefit programs.

Instead, records are maintained separately by each administering agency, under state and federal confidentiality rules. This guide explains how Indiana residents can conduct lawful **self-verification** using official records they are entitled to access.

Scope and limitations

- This guide identifies where official records exist and how to request them.
- This guide does not allege wrongdoing by any provider or individual.
- Verification outcomes depend on case-specific facts and agency rules.

Section 1 — Licensed Child Care Verification (Indiana FSSA / OECOSL)

Indiana licenses and monitors child care providers through the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA), Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning (OECOSL).

1.1 Official licensed provider search

Parents and guardians can confirm whether a provider is licensed using Indiana's official provider portal: https://childcarefinder.in.gov **[1]**

1.2 Complaints and compliance concerns

Indiana accepts child care complaints through FSSA's official reporting channels: https://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/complaints/ **[2]**

Section 2 — Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Assistance (Indiana FSSA)

Indiana administers child care subsidies under the federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF), providing payments to eligible providers on behalf of qualifying families.

2.1 What parents can review

- CCDF eligibility and authorization notices
- Approved provider name and service period
- Copayment obligations, if applicable

2.2 Official CCDF parent information

Indiana CCDF program overview and parent guidance:
https://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/child-care-development-fund-ccdf/ **[3]**

2.3 If discrepancies are suspected

Parents may contact their assigned caseworker or submit inquiries through FSSA regarding authorization or payment inconsistencies tied to their child’s care.

Section 3 — Health Coverage Claims (Indiana Medicaid / HIP)

Health services billed under Indiana Medicaid or the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) generate formal claims records. These records are the primary source for verifying whether services were billed in a child's name.

3.1 Medicaid member resources

Indiana Medicaid member information and contact resources:
https://www.in.gov/fssa/ompp/members/ **[4]**

3.2 What to check

- Dates of service
- Provider identity
- Services billed after eligibility ended

Section 4 — Public Records Requests (Indiana APRA)

Indiana's Access to Public Records Act (APRA) governs public access to records, while still protecting confidential personal and medical information.

4.1 APRA overview

Indiana APRA is codified at Indiana Code § 5-14-3. General public guidance: https://www.in.gov/pac/[REDACTED]/access-to-public-records-act/ **[5]**

4.2 Agency-specific requests

Requests involving CCDF or child care programs should be directed to FSSA using agency FOIA/APRA procedures.

Section 5 — Reporting Suspected Fraud (Indiana)

5.1 Indiana FSSA Office of Inspector General

Indiana FSSA provides an official fraud reporting mechanism:
https://www.in.gov/fssa/oig/ **[6]**

Reports may involve Medicaid, child care assistance, or other FSSA-administered programs.

Appendix A — Official Indiana Resources

1. Indiana Child Care Finder: https://childcarefinder.in.gov
2. Indiana Child Care Complaints (FSSA): https://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/complaints/
3. Indiana CCDF Program: https://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/child-care-development-fund-ccdf/
4. Indiana Medicaid Member Portal: https://www.in.gov/fssa/ompp/members/
5. Indiana APRA Overview: https://www.in.gov/pac/[REDACTED]/access-to-public-records-act/
6. Indiana FSSA OIG Fraud Reporting: https://www.in.gov/fssa/oig/

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