



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

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Purpose: This document provides a Maryland-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

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

Records are maintained by administering agencies under state and federal confidentiality laws. The correct approach is **self-verification**: reviewing official records you are legally entitled to access and escalating concerns through formal reporting channels when warranted.

Section 1 – Licensed Child Care Verification (Maryland MSDE)

Maryland licenses and monitors child care providers through the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), Office of Child Care (OCC).

1.1 Official provider search (public)

Maryland Check Child Care (official provider search):

<https://checkccmd.org> [1]

1.2 Child care licensing program overview

MSDE Office of Child Care:

<https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/child-care-providers> [2]

Section 2 – Child Care Scholarship (CCS) and Subsidy Payments (Maryland)

Maryland administers the Child Care Scholarship (CCS) Program, funded under the federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF). Payments may be issued to providers on behalf of eligible families.

2.1 Official CCS information for families

Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program:

<https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/child-care-providers/child-care-scholarship-program> [3]

2.2 What parents/guardians should review

- Eligibility and authorization notices
- Approved provider name and service period
- Attendance versus authorized care

Section 3 – Health Coverage Claims (Maryland Medicaid)

Health services billed under Maryland Medicaid generate formal claims records. These records are the primary method for verifying whether services were billed in your or your child's name.

3.1 Maryland Medicaid member services

Maryland Medicaid Member Services:

<https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Pages/Medicaid-Member-Services.aspx> [4]

3.2 Reporting Medicaid fraud

Maryland Medicaid — Report Fraud:

<https://health.maryland.gov/oig/Pages/Report-Fraud.aspx> [5]

Section 4 – Public Records Requests (Maryland Public Information Act)

Maryland's public records access is governed by the Maryland Public Information Act (MPIA). Records involving minors or health information may be exempt; however, parents and guardians may request records they are legally entitled to receive.

4.1 Maryland Attorney General – MPIA guidance

Maryland Attorney General — Public Information Act:

<https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Pages/OpenGov/pia.aspx> [6]

4.2 Agency-specific request example (MSDE)

MSDE — Public Information Act requests:

<https://marylandpublicschools.org/about/Pages/Legal/MPIA.aspx> [7]

Section 5 – Reporting Suspected Fraud (Maryland)

Maryland provides official channels for reporting suspected fraud related to public assistance programs.

5.1 Maryland Office of the Inspector General

Maryland OIG Fraud Reporting:

<https://health.maryland.gov/oig/Pages/default.aspx> [5]

Appendix A – Official Maryland Resources

1. Maryland Check Child Care — <https://checkccmd.org>
2. MSDE Office of Child Care — <https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/child-care-providers>
3. Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program —
<https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/child-care-providers/child-care-scholarship-program>
4. Maryland Medicaid Member Services —
<https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Pages/Medicaid-Member-Services.aspx>
5. Maryland OIG Fraud Reporting — <https://health.maryland.gov/oig/Pages/Report-Fraud.aspx>
6. Maryland Public Information Act (AG) —
<https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Pages/OpenGov/pia.aspx>
7. MSDE MPIA Requests — <https://marylandpublicschools.org/about/Pages/Legal/MPIA.aspx>

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