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

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## **Detecting Possible Misuse of Benefits and Services in Your Name (Parents, Caregivers, and Guardians)**

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*Purpose: This document provides a Nebraska-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

Public discussions sometimes describe cases where services appear to have been billed or publicly funded in a parent's or child's name without the family's knowledge. In Nebraska, there is **no centralized public database** that allows name-based searches across all benefit programs.

Instead, records are held by individual agencies under state and federal confidentiality laws. The correct approach is **self-verification**: reviewing official records you are legally entitled to access, then using formal dispute or fraud-reporting channels when appropriate.

## **Section 1 – Licensed Child Care Verification (Nebraska DHHS)**

Nebraska child care licensing and public provider information are administered by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

### **1.1 Official child care provider search**

Nebraska DHHS — Child Care Search:

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Child-Care.aspx> [1]

### **1.2 Licensing and compliance overview**

Nebraska DHHS — Child Care Licensing:

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/default.aspx> [2]

## **Section 2 – Child Care Subsidy Program (Nebraska DHHS)**

Nebraska's Child Care Subsidy Program helps eligible families pay for child care. Payments may be issued to providers on behalf of qualifying households.

### **2.1 Official program information**

Nebraska DHHS — Child Care Subsidy:

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Child-Care-Subsidy.aspx> [3]

### **2.2 Apply / manage benefits**

ACCESSNebraska (apply, manage cases, notices):

<https://accessnebraska.ne.gov/> [4]

### **2.3 What parents/guardians should review**

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

## **Section 3 – Health Coverage Claims (Nebraska Medicaid)**

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

### **3.1 Nebraska Medicaid program information**

Nebraska DHHS — Medicaid:

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Medicaid.aspx> [5]

### **3.2 Reporting Medicaid fraud**

Nebraska DHHS — Report Fraud:

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Fraud.aspx> [6]

## **Section 4 – Public Records Requests (Nebraska Public Records Law)**

Nebraska public records access is governed by the Nebraska Public Records Law. Records involving minors or health/benefit cases may be exempt; however, parents and guardians may request records they are legally entitled to receive.

### **4.1 Nebraska Attorney General – Public Records guidance**

Nebraska AG — Public Records:

<https://ago.nebraska.gov/public-records> [7]

### **4.2 Practical request structure**

1. Identify yourself as parent/guardian and name the dependent(s).
2. Specify the program (child care subsidy, Medicaid, etc.), provider, and date range.
3. Request records sufficient to show payments or claims made on behalf of the dependent.
4. Ask for written explanation of any redactions or denials.

## **Section 5 – Reporting Suspected Fraud (Nebraska Official Channels)**

Preserve documentation (letters, notices, dates, provider names) before reporting.

### **5.1 Nebraska DHHS fraud reporting**

Nebraska DHHS — Report Fraud:

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Fraud.aspx> [6]

## Appendix A – Official Nebraska Resources

1. DHHS Child Care Search — <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Child-Care.aspx>
2. DHHS Child Care Licensing — <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/default.aspx>
3. DHHS Child Care Subsidy — <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Child-Care-Subsidy.aspx>
4. ACCESSNebraska — <https://accessnebraska.ne.gov/>
5. DHHS Medicaid — <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Medicaid.aspx>
6. DHHS Report Fraud — <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Fraud.aspx>
7. Nebraska AG Public Records — <https://ago.nebraska.gov/public-records>

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