



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

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Purpose: This document provides a New Jersey-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

New Jersey does not maintain a single public, name-searchable clearinghouse covering all benefit payments or claims. Records are maintained by administering agencies under state and federal confidentiality rules. The appropriate approach is **self-verification**: review official records you are legally entitled to access, then use formal dispute or fraud-reporting channels if needed.

Section 1 — Licensed Child Care Verification (NJ DCF)

Child care licensing and oversight in New Jersey are administered by the New Jersey Department of Children and Families (DCF), Office of Licensing.

1.1 Official provider search (public)

NJ Child Care Search (official):

<https://childcareexplorer.njccis.com> [1]

1.2 Licensing and compliance overview

NJ DCF — Office of Licensing (Child Care):

<https://www.nj.gov/dcf/providers/licensing/childcare/> [2]

Section 2 — Child Care Subsidy (NJ Child Care Assistance Program)

New Jersey administers child care financial assistance through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), funded in part by the federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF).

2.1 Official program information

NJ CCAP — Information for Families:

<https://www.nj.gov/dcf/families/childcare/ccap/> [3]

2.2 Apply / manage benefits

Families typically apply through county Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) agencies. Entry point:

<https://www.childcarenj.gov/Parents/GetHelp> [4]

2.3 What parents/guardians should review

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

Section 3 — Health Coverage Claims (New Jersey Medicaid / NJ FamilyCare)

Health services billed under New Jersey Medicaid (NJ FamilyCare) 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 NJ FamilyCare member resources

NJ FamilyCare:

<https://www.njfamilycare.org> [5]

3.2 Reporting Medicaid fraud

New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller — Medicaid Fraud:

<https://www.njoag.gov/about/divisions-and-offices/office-of-the-state-comptroller-home/medicaid-fraud/> [6]

Section 4 — Public Records Requests (New Jersey OPRA)

Public access to government records in New Jersey is governed by the Open Public Records Act (OPRA). 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 New Jersey OPRA guidance

NJ Government Records Council — OPRA:

<https://www.nj.gov/grc/opra/> [7]

Section 5 — Reporting Suspected Fraud (New Jersey Official Channels)

Preserve documentation (letters, notices, provider names, dates) before submitting a report.

5.1 NJ Medicaid / public assistance fraud

NJ Office of the State Comptroller — Report Fraud:

<https://www.nj.gov/comptroller/fraud/> [8]

Appendix A — Official New Jersey Resources

1. NJ Child Care Search — <https://childcareexplorer.njccis.com>
2. NJ DCF Office of Licensing — <https://www.nj.gov/dcf/providers/licensing/childcare/>
3. NJ Child Care Assistance Program — <https://www.nj.gov/dcf/families/childcare/ccap/>
4. Child Care NJ (CCR&R entry) — <https://www.childcarenj.gov/Parents/GetHelp>
5. NJ FamilyCare — <https://www.njfamilycare.org>
6. NJ OPRA — <https://www.nj.gov/grc/opra/>
7. NJ Office of the State Comptroller (Fraud) — <https://www.nj.gov/comptroller/fraud/>

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