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# **South Carolina 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 South Carolina-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

South Carolina does not maintain a single public, name-searchable clearinghouse that aggregates all benefit payments or claims. Records are held by administering agencies under state and federal confidentiality requirements. The appropriate approach is **self-verification**: review official records you are legally entitled to access, then escalate concerns through formal dispute or fraud-reporting channels if necessary.

## **Section 1 – Licensed Child Care Verification (SC DSS)**

Child care licensing and oversight in South Carolina are administered by the South Carolina Department of Social Services (SC DSS), Division of Early Care and Education.

### **1.1 Official provider search (public)**

SC DSS – Child Care Provider Search:

<https://www.scchildcare.org/provider-search>

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

SC DSS – Child Care Licensing:

<https://dss.sc.gov/childcare/>

## **Section 2 – Child Care Subsidy (ABC Quality / Child Care Voucher Program)**

South Carolina's child care subsidy program, commonly referred to as ABC Quality / Child Care Voucher Program, helps eligible families pay for child care. Payments are issued to approved providers on behalf of eligible households.

### **2.1 Official program information**

SC DSS — Child Care Scholarship (Voucher Program):

<https://dss.sc.gov/assistance-programs/child-care/>

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

South Carolina Benefits Portal:

<https://benefitsportal.dss.sc.gov>

### **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 (South Carolina Medicaid)**

Health services billed under South Carolina Medicaid generate formal claims records. Reviewing claims history or explanation-of-benefits (EOB) statements is the primary method for detecting services billed in your or your child's name.

### **3.1 South Carolina Medicaid program information**

SC Department of Health and Human Services — Medicaid:

<https://www.scdhhs.gov>

### **3.2 Reporting Medicaid fraud**

SC DHHS — Program Integrity / Report Fraud:

<https://www.scdhhs.gov/about-us/fraud-and-abuse>

## **Section 4 – Public Records Requests (South Carolina Freedom of Information Act)**

Public access to government records in South Carolina is governed by the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), S.C. Code Ann. §§ 30-4-10 et seq. Records involving minors or individual benefit/health cases may be exempt; however, parents and guardians may request records they are legally entitled to receive.

### **4.1 SC Attorney General – FOIA guidance**

SC Attorney General – FOIA:

<https://www.scag.gov/about-the-office/civil-division/freedom-of-information-act/>

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

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

### **5.1 Public assistance and Medicaid fraud**

- SC DHHS — Fraud & Abuse: <https://www.scdhhs.gov/about-us/fraud-and-abuse>
- SC DSS — Report Fraud: <https://dss.sc.gov/about/fraud/>

## Appendix A – Official South Carolina Resources

1. SC Child Care Provider Search – <https://www.scchildcare.org/provider-search>
2. SC DSS Child Care Licensing – <https://dss.sc.gov/childcare/>
3. SC Child Care Scholarship Program – <https://dss.sc.gov/assistance-programs/child-care/>
4. SC Benefits Portal – <https://benefitsportal.dss.sc.gov>
5. SC DHHS Medicaid – <https://www.scdhhs.gov>
6. SC DHHS Fraud & Abuse – <https://www.scdhhs.gov/about-us/fraud-and-abuse>
7. SC Attorney General FOIA –  
<https://www.scag.gov/about-the-office/civil-division/freedom-of-information-act/>
8. SC DSS Report Fraud – <https://dss.sc.gov/about/fraud/>

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