



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

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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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