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

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Purpose: This document provides a Vermont-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

Vermont does not maintain a single public, name-searchable database that aggregates all benefit payments or health claims. Records are held by individual agencies under state and federal confidentiality laws. The recommended approach is **self-verification**: review official records you are legally entitled to access, confirm provider and program details, and escalate concerns through formal dispute or fraud-reporting channels if discrepancies are identified.

Section 1 — Licensed / Regulated Child Care Verification (Vermont CDD / Child Development Division)

Child care licensing and regulation in Vermont is administered by the Vermont Department for Children and Families (DCF), Child Development Division (CDD). Public search tools allow verification of licensed and registered providers.

1.1 Official provider search (public)

Vermont Child Care Licensing Search:
https://outside.vermont.gov/dept4/DFIS/childcare/Default.aspx **[1]**

1.2 Child Development Division overview

Vermont DCF — Child Development Division:
https://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd **[2]**

Section 2 — Child Care Financial Assistance Program (Vermont DCF)

Vermont provides child care subsidies through the Child Care Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP). Payments are issued to approved providers on behalf of eligible families. Parents and guardians may request clarification or verification of their own case information through official DCF channels.

2.1 Official program information

Vermont DCF — Child Care Financial Assistance Program:
https://dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/ccfap **[3]**

2.2 Apply / manage benefits

Vermont Benefits Portal (MyBenefits):
https://mybenefits.vermont.gov/ **[4]**

2.3 What parents/guardians should review

- Eligibility and authorization notices (approved dates, child identifiers, provider name).
- Provider identity and license status using the official licensing search (Section 1.1). **[1]**
- Attendance dates compared to your own records.

Section 3 — Medicaid / Health Claims Verification (Vermont Medicaid) and Fraud Reporting

Health services billed under Vermont Medicaid generate claims records. If you suspect services were billed in your name or your child's name, request and review claims history through official plan or state channels, then report concerns through designated fraud-reporting mechanisms.

3.1 Vermont Medicaid fraud reporting

Vermont Medicaid — Report Fraud, Waste, or Abuse: https://dvha.vermont.gov/fraud **[5]**

3.2 Vermont Attorney General — Medicaid Fraud Control Unit

Vermont Attorney General — Medicaid Fraud Control Unit: https://ago.vermont.gov/divisions/medicaid-fraud-control-unit/ **[6]**

Section 4 — Public Records Requests (Vermont Public Records Act)

Vermont public records access is governed by the Vermont Public Records Act (1 V.S.A. §§ 315–320). Records involving minors, benefit cases, or health information may be exempt from public disclosure; however, parents and guardians may request records they are legally entitled to receive.

4.1 Attorney General guidance

Vermont Attorney General — Public Records:
https://ago.vermont.gov/public-records/ **[7]**

4.2 Statutory reference

Vermont Statutes — Public Records Act:
https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/01/005/00315 **[8]**

Section 5 — Reporting Suspected Benefit Fraud (Vermont)

If you suspect misuse of benefits or services, preserve documentation first (letters, notices, provider names, dates), then report concerns through official channels only.

5.1 Vermont Medicaid and assistance program fraud reporting

Vermont Medicaid — Fraud Reporting:
https://dvha.vermont.gov/fraud **[5]**

5.2 Vermont Attorney General — MFCU

Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (AG):
https://ago.vermont.gov/divisions/medicaid-fraud-control-unit/ **[6]**

Section 6 — Public "Red Flag" Patterns (For Awareness Only)

The following indicators do not prove misconduct, but may justify additional verification:

- **Date mismatch:** claims or payments on days services were not received.
- **Provider mismatch:** provider listed that the family never used.
- **Duration mismatch:** billing continues after withdrawal or program termination.
- **Authorization mismatch:** services exceed authorized scope.
- **Identity mismatch:** records referencing an unfamiliar dependent.

Appendix A — Official Vermont Resources

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