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# **Wyoming 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 Wyoming-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

Wyoming does not operate a single public, name-searchable clearinghouse that aggregates all benefit payments, child care subsidies, and health claims. Records are maintained 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 official dispute or fraud-reporting channels if warranted.

## **Section 1 – Licensed / Regulated Child Care Verification (Wyoming DFS)**

Child care licensing and oversight in Wyoming are administered by the Wyoming Department of Family Services (DFS). Public search tools allow verification of licensed and regulated child care providers.

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

Wyoming DFS — Child Care Licensing Search:

<https://dfs.wyo.gov/child-care/> [1]

### **1.2 Child care licensing overview**

Wyoming DFS — Child Care Licensing Program:

<https://dfs.wyo.gov/programs/child-care-licensing/> [2]

## **Section 2 – Child Care Subsidy / Voucher Program (Wyoming DFS)**

Wyoming provides child care assistance through DFS-administered subsidy programs that help eligible families pay for child care while parents work or attend approved activities. Payments are issued to approved providers on behalf of qualifying families.

### **2.1 Official program information**

Wyoming DFS — Child Care Assistance:

<https://dfs.wyo.gov/child-care/child-care-assistance/> [3]

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

Wyoming Public Assistance Portal (apply/manage benefits):

<https://benefits.wyo.gov/> [4]

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

- Eligibility and authorization notices (approved dates, provider name, child identifiers).
- Provider identity and license status using the official DFS resources (Section 1). [1]
- Dates of care/attendance compared to your own records.

## **Section 3 – Medicaid / Health Claims Verification (Wyoming Medicaid) and Fraud Reporting**

Health services billed under Wyoming 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 channels, then report suspected fraud using designated reporting mechanisms.

### **3.1 Wyoming Medicaid fraud reporting**

Wyoming Department of Health — Medicaid Program Integrity / Fraud Reporting:

<https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/program-integrity/> [5]

### **3.2 Wyoming Attorney General — Medicaid Fraud Control Unit**

Wyoming Attorney General — Medicaid Fraud Control Unit:

<https://attorneygeneral.wyo.gov/divisions/medicaid-fraud-control-unit> [6]

## **Section 4 – Public Records Requests (Wyoming Public Records Act)**

Public access to records in Wyoming is governed by the Wyoming Public Records Act (Wyo. Stat. § 16-4). Records involving minors, benefit cases, or protected health information may be exempt; however, parents and guardians may request records they are legally entitled to receive.

### **4.1 Attorney General guidance**

Wyoming Attorney General — Public Records:

<https://attorneygeneral.wyo.gov/law-office-division/public-records> [7]

### **4.2 Statutory reference**

Wyoming Statutes — Public Records Act (Title 16, Chapter 4):

<https://wyoleg.gov/statutes/compress/title16.pdf> [8]

## **Section 5 – Reporting Suspected Benefit Fraud (Wyoming)**

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 DFS and Medicaid-related fraud reporting**

Wyoming Department of Health — Medicaid Program Integrity:

<https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/program-integrity/> [5]

### **5.2 Wyoming Attorney General — MFCU**

Medicaid Fraud Control Unit:

<https://attorneygeneral.wyo.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 Wyoming Resources

1. Wyoming DFS Child Care — <https://dfs.wyo.gov/child-care/> **[1]**
2. Wyoming DFS Child Care Licensing — <https://dfs.wyo.gov/programs/child-care-licensing/> **[2]**
3. Wyoming DFS Child Care Assistance — <https://dfs.wyo.gov/child-care/child-care-assistance/> **[3]**
4. Wyoming Benefits Portal — <https://benefits.wyo.gov/> **[4]**
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6. Wyoming AG Medicaid Fraud Control Unit —  
<https://attorneygeneral.wyo.gov/divisions/medicaid-fraud-control-unit> **[6]**
7. Wyoming AG Public Records Guidance —  
<https://attorneygeneral.wyo.gov/law-office-division/public-records> **[7]**
8. Wyoming Public Records Act (Title 16) — <https://wyoleg.gov/statutes/compress/title16.pdf> **[8]**

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