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

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Purpose: This document provides a Prince Edward Island–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. It includes both Prince Edward Island and Government of Canada (federal) official resources.

Introduction

In Canada, early learning, child care, and health services are primarily administered by provinces, while certain benefits, identity-protection mechanisms, and access-to-information laws also exist at the federal level. Prince Edward Island does not provide a single public, name-searchable clearinghouse that aggregates all child care payments, subsidies, and health care claims.

The recommended approach is **self-verification**: confirm providers using official registries, review records you are legally entitled to access, and escalate concerns only through official reporting channels if discrepancies are identified.

Section 1 — Licensed / Regulated Child Care Verification (Prince Edward Island)

Licensed early learning and child care services in Prince Edward Island are overseen by the Department of Education and Lifelong Learning (DELL). The Province provides a public directory of licensed centres and family home child care agencies.

1.1 Official provider search (public)

PEI Early Learning and Child Care Directory:
https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-lifelong-learning/[REDACTED] **[1]**

1.2 Licensing and program oversight overview

PEI — Early Learning and Child Care:
https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/topic/early-learning-and-child-care **[2]**

Section 2 — Child Care Subsidy / Voucher Program (Prince Edward Island)

Prince Edward Island provides financial assistance for child care through its Child Care Subsidy Program. If you suspect a subsidy was used in your name or your child's name, review any official correspondence and verify your case status through official provincial channels.

2.1 Official program information and application

PEI Child Care Subsidy Program:
https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/apply-for-child-care-subsidy **[3]**

2.2 What parents/guardians should review

- Eligibility/authorization notices (approved dates, provider name, child identifiers).
- Provider licensing status using the official child care directory (Section 1.1). **[1]**
- Dates of care/attendance versus your own records.
- Whether subsidy activity appears to continue after withdrawal or provider change.

Section 3 — Health Coverage Claims Verification (PEI Health Card) and Fraud Reporting

Health coverage in Prince Edward Island is administered through the PEI Health Card program. If you suspect misuse of a PEI Health Card or services billed under your identity, contact Health PEI using official inquiry and fraud-reporting channels.

3.1 Health coverage overview and contact

PEI Health Card:
https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-pei/pei-health-card **[4]**

3.2 Report suspected health card misuse or fraud

Health PEI — Contact information:
https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-pei/contact-health-pei **[5]**

Section 4 — Public Records Requests (Prince Edward Island FOIPP)

Public access to records in Prince Edward Island is governed by the **Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPP)**. Records involving minors, benefit cases, and protected health information may be restricted; however, parents and guardians may request records they are legally entitled to receive.

4.1 FOIPP overview (official)

PEI — Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy:
https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/topic/freedom-information-and-protection-privacy **[6]**

4.2 How to submit a FOIPP request

PEI — How to make a FOIPP request:
https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/make-freedom-information-request **[7]**

Section 5 — Federal Verification and Reporting (Government of Canada)

Some benefits, identity-protection mechanisms, and access-to-information requests are handled federally. Use the official Government of Canada channels below if concerns involve federal programs or identity misuse.

5.1 Report suspected tax or benefit cheating (CRA)

Canada Revenue Agency — Suspected tax or benefit cheating:
https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/programs/about-canada-revenue-agency-cra/suspected-tax-cheating-in-canada-overview.html **[8]**

5.2 Report a scam or identity theft affecting CRA accounts

CRA — Report a scam or identity theft:
https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/corporate/scams-fraud/report-scam.html **[9]**

5.3 Federal access-to-information / privacy requests (ATIP Online)

ATIP Online Request (Government of Canada):
https://atip-aiprp.apps.gc.ca/atip/welcome.do **[10]**

5.4 Report fraud and cybercrime (Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre)

Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre — Report fraud:
https://antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/report-signalez-eng.htm **[11]**

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

- **Date mismatch:** benefits or services on days care was not provided.
- **Provider mismatch:** a provider listed that the family never used.
- **Duration mismatch:** activity continues after termination/withdrawal.
- **Authorization mismatch:** services exceed approved scope.
- **Identity mismatch:** records referencing a dependent you do not recognize.

Appendix A — Official Resources (Prince Edward Island + Federal)

1. PEI Child Care Directory — https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-lifelong-learning/[REDACTED]
2. PEI Early Learning and Child Care — https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/topic/early-learning-and-child-care
3. PEI Child Care Subsidy — https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/apply-for-child-care-subsidy
4. PEI Health Card — https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-pei/pei-health-card
5. Health PEI Contact — https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-pei/contact-health-pei
6. PEI FOIPP — https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/topic/freedom-information-and-protection-privacy
7. PEI FOIPP Request — https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/make-freedom-information-request
8. CRA suspected tax/benefit cheating — https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/programs/about-canada-revenue-agency-cra/suspected-tax-cheating-in-canada-overview.html
9. CRA scam / identity theft — https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/corporate/scams-fraud/report-scam.html
10. Federal ATIP request — https://atip-aiprp.apps.gc.ca/atip/welcome.do
11. Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre — https://antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/report-signalez-eng.htm

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