



OHIO'S MEDICAID FRAUD CONTROL UNIT 101



The **Ohio Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU)**, part of the Ohio Attorney General's Office, works to safeguard tax dollars by identifying, investigating and prosecuting those who defraud the Medicaid program. Ohio's MFCU is recognized as one of the most successful nationally; it is 75% federally funded.

LEGAL AUTHORITY

- Federal law authorizes the unit to investigate and prosecute allegations of fraud and abuse within the Medicaid program.
- The Ohio Revised Code — Sections 109.85 and 109.86 — grants the unit original criminal jurisdiction to investigate and prosecute Medicaid fraud statewide.

THE UNIT'S JURISDICTION

The MFCU is authorized to investigate only:

- Fraud committed by Medicaid providers, including independent home-health aides, home-health agencies, behavioral-health providers, providers of treatment for substance-use disorder, and any other service provider contracted with the Ohio Department of Medicaid.
- Fraud committed in the administration of the program, which may involve state and/or county employees.
- Allegations of patient abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, and other crimes against residents of long-term-care facilities in Ohio; theft of patients' personal property or money; and diversion of drugs. The perpetrators might be a facility employee and/or a patient's relative, guardian or power of attorney.

By the numbers

A summary of the MFCU's work in recent years, including number of indictments, convictions and settlements/judgments as well as recoveries (in dollars).

YEAR	IND	CONV	S/J	REC
2026*	58	71	15	\$3,909,346
2025	154	110	39	\$27,231,797
2024	117	129	54	\$24,751,410
2023	122	176	38	\$22,989,846
TOTALS	451	486	146	\$78,882,399

* As of May 19, 2026

THE PROSECUTORIAL PROCESS

- Medicaid fraud cases are typically prosecuted in Franklin County Common Pleas Court by MFCU personnel, as Medicaid payments are issued by the Ohio Department of Medicaid, which is based in Franklin County. The MFCU has its own grand jury impaneled through the court, original jurisdiction to prosecute, and the option to prosecute cases in other counties when deemed appropriate.
- Patient abuse and neglect cases are most often prosecuted in the county where the incident is alleged to have occurred. They are typically prosecuted by a local county prosecutor, with assistance from MFCU personnel.

How to reach us
If you suspect Medicaid fraud or patient abuse in a long-term-care facility, call (614) 466-0722.

MFCU STAFFING

- 73 special agents (including chief special agents and special agent supervisors)
- 17 prosecutors
- Seven fraud analysts (including chief auditor)
- Four intake officers/evidence custodians
- Two nurse analysts