

HAWAI'I MEDICAID FRAUD CONTROL UNIT FACT SHEET

What is the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit?

The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) is a federally and state-funded unit within the Department of the Attorney General that was established pursuant to state law passed in 1978. The MFCU is charged with conducting criminal and civil investigations and prosecutions of (1) provider fraud against the Medicaid Program, (2) fraud in the administration of the Medicaid Program, and (3) abuse and neglect of Medicaid beneficiaries and residents of board and care facilities.

How many personnel are employed in the unit?

MFCUs across the nation employ multi-disciplinary teams of skilled and experienced investigators, attorneys and auditors, to conduct investigations into suspected fraud, abuse and neglect. Currently, the Hawai'i MFCU has 15 employees consisting of a director, chief investigator, three attorneys, four investigators, two auditors and four administrative/support staff.

What is the annual budget for the unit?

The MFCU is a federally and state funded unit that receives 75 percent of its funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, with the remaining 25 percent being provided by the state. The MFCU budget for fiscal year 2026 is \$3,905,957.

What was the most recent indictment and conviction?

Investigations are initiated based on complaints, referrals and information received from various sources, including the Hawai'i Department of Human Services Medicaid Program and Adult Protective Services, managed care organizations and the public. In January and February of this year, the MFCU charged two individuals with endangering the welfare of an incompetent person, one of whom has already entered a no-contest plea and has been placed on court supervision.

How much has the unit recovered through civil settlements and judgments?

As published in the annual U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General Statistical Chart for fiscal year 2025, the Hawai'i MFCU conducted a total of 484 investigations consisting of 388 fraud investigations and 96 abuse/neglect investigations — and secured and assisted in securing civil settlements and judgments in 11 cases resulting in total recoveries of \$453,951. See federal report here: [Medicaid Fraud Control Units Annual Report: Fiscal Year 2025 | Office of Inspector General | Government Oversight | U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#)



For more information about the Hawai'i MFCU, please visit the website at [MEDICAID FRAUD CONTROL UNIT | Criminal Justice Division](#).