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Attorney General James Uthmeier Announces Historic Accreditation of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit



Courtesy of the Office of the Attorney General

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.— Attorney General James Uthmeier announced the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) has officially earned law enforcement accreditation from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA)—a historic milestone since the unit's creation within the Florida Department of Legal Affairs. The recognition, awarded during CFA's fall

conference in Sanibel Harbour, follows a rigorous on-site assessment in which the MFCU passed with no deficiencies identified.

“Accreditation is the gold standard in law enforcement,” said **Attorney General James Uthmeier**. “For the first time since its founding in 1994, our Medicaid Fraud Control Unit has earned CFA accreditation—and they did it without a single deficiency. That speaks volumes about the integrity, professionalism, and dedication of our Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and our shared commitment to protecting Florida’s seniors and taxpayers.”

As part of the voluntary accreditation process, CFA assessors examined all aspects of the MFCU’s policies and procedures, management, public information, operations, and support services. Assessors found the unit to be in full compliance with all applicable standards, prompting the CFA Commission’s unanimous approval. The accreditation is valid for three years.

The CFA assessor team included Matt Fletcher, Assistant Chief of Police at the Naples Police Department; Mark Gish, Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office Central Records Division Manager; and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Investigator Scott Sumpter.

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The Florida Attorney General’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit investigates and prosecutes providers that intentionally defraud the state’s Medicaid program through fraudulent billing practices. Medicaid fraud essentially steals from Florida’s taxpayers. Additionally, the MFCU investigates allegations of patient abuse, neglect, and exploitation in facilities receiving payments under the Medicaid program.

The Florida Medicaid Fraud Control unit is funded through a grant totaling \$25,862,077 for Federal Fiscal Year 2026 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General. The Federal Share of these funds is 75 percent, totaling \$19,396,560. The State Matching Share of these funds is 25 percent, totaling \$6,465,517, and is funded by the State of Florida.