



Roll Call

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In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Fraud

IHSS is a state-wide social services program designed to keep elders and dependent adults in their homes rather than more costly institutionalization. A provider is hired to provide certain services for this elder and the funds to pay providers come partially from the County General Fund.

According to studies, Grand Jury reports and the Governor's Office, there is ample fraud within the program. In response to reports of fraud, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors authorized the creation of a District Attorney's IHSS Fraud Task Force. The Task Force is made up of members from the County Departments of Human Assistance, Health and Human Services, and California Department of Health Care Services, as well as the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office.

The goals of the Task Force include:

1. Prevent those not entitled to program benefits from using the program.
2. Detect Fraud at the earliest moment.
3. Aggressively investigate and prosecute those guilty of fraud.

Law enforcement officers can assist by notifying the Task Force about:

1. Arrestees or inmates who state they are care providers.
2. Inmates who have mail mentioning IHSS in-home care timesheets.
3. Deaths or hospitalizations of elderly infirmed individuals.
4. Field situations whereby the elder complains their provider is not doing their job.
5. Any apparent IHSS fraud.

When reporting fraud, all that is needed is the identifying information and brief description of the issue. You can provide the information via e-mail to IHSSFRAUD@SACDA.ORG or by calling (916) 874-3836.