

Representative Loudenbeck
Senator Marklein

HEALTH SERVICES
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- ADMINISTRATION

Fraud Prevention and Investigation Allocations to IM Consortia
[LFB Paper #368]

Motion:

Move to provide \$500,000 (\$250,000 GPR and \$250,000 FED) annually to increase the amount of funding that would be budgeted for the DHS to provide to local units of government to conduct medical assistance and Foodshare fraud prevention and investigation activities.

Note:

The Department of Health Services (DHS) fraud prevention and investigation program (FPIP) is currently budgeted \$500,000 (\$250,000 GPR and \$250,000 FED) annually to support statewide fraud prevention activities conducted by agencies, other than Milwaukee Enrollment Services (MiLES) that administer medical assistance (MA) and FoodShare. Annually, DHS allocates this funding based on each agency's percentage of the statewide income maintenance (IM) caseload. Local funding that supports these activities is eligible for federal matching funds.

Each IM consortium determines what staff will conduct FPIP investigations, which may include agency staff, contracted staff, local law enforcement, or some combination.

Recoveries made as a result of these activities are divided between the federal government, the state, and the local agencies. The federal, state and local share of these recoveries depend on whether the recovered benefits were initially paid from FoodShare or MA, and whether the recovery was the result of client error, fraud, or an error committed by the administering agency.

[Change to Bill: \$500,000 GPR and \$500,000 FED]

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