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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - HEALTH AND HUMAN  
SERVICES

Introduced By: Representatives Marshall, Costantino, Almeida, O'Brien, and Winfield

Date Introduced: May 23, 2013

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 42-7.2 of the General Laws entitled "Office of Health and Human  
2 Services" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **42-7.2-18. Program integrity division.** -- (a) There is hereby established a program  
4 integrity division within the office of health and human services to effectuate the transfer of  
5 functions pursuant to subdivision 42-7.2-6.1(a)(7). The purposes of this division are:

6           (1) To develop and implement a statewide strategy to coordinate state and local agencies,  
7 law enforcement entities, and investigative units in order to increase the effectiveness of  
8 programs and initiatives dealing with the prevention, detection, and prosecution of Medicaid and  
9 public assistance fraud; and

10           (2) To oversee and coordinate state and local efforts to investigate and eliminate  
11 Medicaid and public assistance fraud and to recover state and federal funds.

12           (b) The program integrity division shall provide advice and make recommendations, as  
13 necessary, to the secretary of health and human services and all departments assigned to the office  
14 to effectuate the purposes of the division.

15           (c) The division shall have the following powers and duties:

16           (1) To conduct a census of local, state, and federal efforts to address Medicaid and public  
17 assistance fraud in this state, including fraud detection, prevention, and prosecution, in order to  
18 discern overlapping missions, maximize existing resources, and strengthen current programs;

1           (2) To develop a strategic plan for coordinating and targeting state and local resources for  
2 preventing and prosecuting Medicaid and public assistance fraud. The plan must identify methods  
3 to enhance multi-agency efforts that contribute to achieving the state’s goal of eliminating  
4 Medicaid and public assistance fraud;

5           (3) To identify methods to implement innovative technology and data sharing in  
6 consultation with the office of digital excellence in order to detect and analyze Medicaid and  
7 public assistance fraud with speed and efficiency;

8           (4) To develop and promote, in consultation with federal, state and local law enforcement  
9 agencies, crime prevention services and educational programs that serve the public; and

10          (5) To develop and implement training for all Medicaid provider and managed care  
11 organizations, concerning, but not limited to the following:

- 12           (i) Coverage and billing policies;
- 13           (ii) Participant-centered planning and options available;
- 14           (iii) Covered and non-covered services;
- 15           (iv) Provider accountability and responsibilities;
- 16           (v) Claim submission policies and procedures; and
- 17           (vi) Reconciling claim activity.

18          (d) The division shall annually prepare and submit a report on its activities and  
19 recommendations, by January 1, to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of  
20 representatives, the governor, and the chairs of the house of representatives and senate finance  
21 committees.

22          SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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- 1           This act would create a program integrity division within the office of health and human
- 2 services to help prevent, detect, and prosecute Medicaid and public assistance fraud.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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