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Utah Medicaid OIG Recovers \$11.5 Million in Taxpayer Funds

SALT LAKE CITY – It has been another productive year for the Office of the Inspector General (OIG), which released its fiscal year 2013 (FY 2013) annual report late last month.

Taxpayers received a return on investment (ROI) of 468% in FY 2013 based on the \$11.5 million collected for OIG-only investigations. That ROI jumps to 1008% by including the additional \$13.3 million in OIG collections of Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) cases.

A total of \$25 million was returned to the Medicaid general fund, which can be used to further Medicaid's mission and provide additional patient care.

Inspector General Lee Wyckoff will be presenting the OIG's annual report to the Executive Appropriations Committee on Tuesday, October 15.

Wyckoff state, "I am very proud of the continued productivity in our office. We conducted nearly 1,500 investigations while operating on a budget of less than \$2.5 million."

The OIG also conducted 26 provider trainings in nearly all of Utah's counties. These trainings educate Medicaid providers on common compliance issues, audit practices of the OIG, and on reducing future waste, abuse, and fraud.

"Our goal is also to establish open communications, transparent operations, and increase provider education," said Wyckoff "with the goal of giving providers tools and information to reduce the risk of future waste, abuse, and fraud."

The OIG's mission is to safeguard taxpayer assets through the minimization of waste, abuse, and fraud within the Utah Medicaid system while treating all key stakeholders fairly.

A copy of the OIG's annual report can be found at http://oig.utah.gov/Annual_Report_OIG_9_25_2013.pdf or by contacting Dani Ibrahim directly.

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