

Protecting Maryland's Vulnerable Adults

The Role of the MFVVU

The Medicaid Fraud & Vulnerable Victims Unit (MFVVU) works every day to protect Marylanders from fraud by health care providers, as well as abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults. Established in 1979, the MFVVU is part of Maryland's Office of the Attorney General and is funded by both the federal and state governments.

What We Do: The MFVVU's Three-Part Mission

1. Fighting Medicaid Fraud

We investigate and prosecute health care providers who commit fraud against the Medicaid system. This includes charging for services never provided, inflating costs or billing for unnecessary care. Medicaid fraud affects everyone, and the MFVVU works to keep Maryland's Medicaid system honest and fair.

2. Preventing Abuse and Neglect of Vulnerable Adults

Our Unit is dedicated to protecting vulnerable adults in places like nursing homes, assisted living homes and other long-term care facilities. We investigate cases of both physical and financial harm and pursue justice for those affected.

3. Addressing Drug Diversion

The MFVVU works with federal law enforcement to stop illegal activities involving prescription drugs. This includes cases where health care providers give out opioids or other drugs without legitimate medical reasons and cases where they steal medications meant for the residents in their care.

How We Work

The MFVVU uses a team approach, combining the skills of attorneys, investigators and auditors to thoroughly investigate cases. When fraud or abuse is found, we pursue both criminal and civil actions to hold offenders accountable. We also work with other states to address nationwide fraud schemes affecting the Medicaid program.



Common Problems We Address

- Fraud by health care providers and pharmacies
- Abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults in long-term care facilities
- Financial exploitation of vulnerable adults
- Illegal drug distribution or misuse in health care settings



Access our online reporting forms by scanning the QR codes below.

Report
Medicaid Fraud:



Report Abuse
or Neglect:



Report Drug
Diversion:



Who Is a Vulnerable Adult?

A vulnerable adult is anyone over the age of 18 who lacks the physical or mental capacity to meet their daily needs. Vulnerable adults may live in their own homes, in community-based settings or in long-term care facilities. Not all vulnerable adults are senior citizens.

Key Terms

Abuse: Intentional acts of cruelty or harm to a vulnerable adult, such as slapping, kicking, burning, choking, shoving or bullying.

Neglect: Intentional failure to provide basic needs like food, shelter or medical care to a vulnerable adult. Examples include leaving someone without necessary assistance for extended periods or not giving required medications.

Drug Diversion: Taking legal drugs and using them in a way that is illegal or not medically needed. An example is taking prescription drugs from vulnerable adults and selling them.

What You Can Do

If you suspect Medicaid fraud, elder abuse or drug diversion, please report it. Use the MFVVU's online reporting forms or contact us via the methods below to provide details.

Contact Us

Maryland Office of the Attorney General
Medicaid Fraud & Vulnerable Victims Unit

- Address: 200 St. Paul Place, 18th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202
- Phone: 410-576-6521 or toll-free at 1-888-743-0023
- Email: medicaidfraud@oag.state.md.us
- Online: marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Pages/MFCU

Together, we can help keep Maryland's vulnerable citizens safe and its Medicaid system strong.