



CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL REPORT REQUIRED BY SENATE BILL 30 75TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE

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DATA MATCHING EFFORTS WITH INFORMATION FROM NEIGHBORING STATES AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

STATUTORY PROVISION

Texas Government Code, Section 531.108 requires the Texas Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General (OIG) to submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board regarding the computerized data matching of agency information from neighboring states and information from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ).

BACKGROUND

Under this provision, the OIG identifies individuals receiving benefits in another state and identifies incarcerated individuals illegally receiving public assistance benefits.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Since August 2010, the OIG has participated in the Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS) interstate compact on behalf of Texas. The PARIS interstate match cross-checks Social Security numbers of active Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, and Medicaid clients as sent by State Public Assistance Agencies (SPAA) for a predetermined month within the match quarter. If matched, PARIS sends the matched records back to the respective SPAA for review and investigation. Although once-a-year participation is mandatory for Medicaid, the data provided to the program is at the discretion of each SPAA. Texas participates in each match quarter, which meets the legislative requirement for the OIG to match with border states to identify duplicate benefits.

From September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024, the agency identified and established overpayment claims totaling \$256,027 for Texas benefits that had been issued to individuals who were simultaneously receiving benefits in another state and in which it was determined that the benefits obtained in Texas should not have been received. The agency is either collecting on these overpayment claims or the investigative cases are pending final adjudication in the administrative or criminal process.

From September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024, the agency identified and established overpayment claims totaling \$2,198,632 for Texas benefits received by individuals who were ineligible because of incarceration. The agency is either collecting on these overpayment claims or the investigative cases are pending final adjudication in the administrative or criminal process.

Please note that the federal Computer Matching Agreement with the Department of Defense, which the OIG uses to compile matches with neighboring states, expired on April 8, 2024. The U.S. Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families plans to pivot to the U.S. Treasury Department's DoNotPay system as the new federal data hub for these matches; however, the agreement with the U.S. Treasury Department has not yet been approved.

PARIS Interstate Match					
Timeframe	Match Count	Referrals Created	Investigations Created	Claims Created	Claim Amounts
09/2009 – 02/2010	PARIS Interstate Matches were implemented effective August 2010.				
03/2010 – 08/2010	3,542	90	35	37	\$45,161
09/2010 – 02/2011	28,756	452	182	137	\$164,888
03/2011 – 08/2011	27,074	341	151	152	\$163,158
09/2011 – 02/2012	30,368	217	112	93	\$82,813
03/2012 – 08/2012	25,634	243	125	131	\$135,203
09/2012 – 02/2013	28,322	372	86	117	\$128,421
03/2013 – 08/2013	30,154	443	197	236	\$295,174
09/2013 – 08/2014	63,775	455	325	384	\$697,290
09/2014 – 08/2015	118,316	643	188	218	\$338,132
09/2015 – 08/2016	148,432	507	267	242	\$439,124
09/2016 – 08/2017	183,781	287	117	63	\$139,217
09/2017 – 08/2018	217,525	537	461	201	\$410,256
09/2018 – 08/2019	212,284	906	501	472	\$858,077
09/2019 – 08/2020	207,758	276	206	251	\$417,952
09/2020 – 08/2021	327,081	569	518	169	\$394,823
09/2021 – 08/2022	368,948	124	86	167	\$537,253
09/2022 – 08/2023	669,542	213	146	84	\$453,026
09/2023 – 08/2024	375,693	87	39	60	\$256,027
TOTAL	3,066,985	6,762	3,742	3,214	\$5,955,995

TDCJ Incarceration Match

Timeframe	Referrals Created	Investigations Created	Claims Created	Claim Amounts
09/2009 - 02/2010	445	374	375	\$234,142
03/2010 - 08/2010	679	579	560	\$364,729
09/2010 - 02/2011	422	360	357	\$251,007
03/2011 - 08/2011	1,010	848	832	\$547,003
09/2011 - 02/2012	621	493	476	\$302,980
03/2012 - 08/2012	717	546	534	\$533,272
09/2012 - 02/2013	552	457	463	\$458,241
03/2013 - 08/2013	428	374	405	\$372,440
09/2013 - 08/2014	850	683	720	\$761,225
09/2014 - 08/2015	655	354	388	\$367,928
09/2015 - 08/2016	815	582	527	\$752,669
09/2016 - 08/2017	1024	1037	769	\$995,128
09/2017 - 08/2018	664	524	459	\$561,185
09/2018 - 08/2019	739	617	531	\$694,659
09/2019 - 08/2020	443	434	445	\$656,592
09/2020 - 08/2021	555	549	450	\$786,813
09/2021 - 08/2022	264	259	288	\$628,820
09/2022 - 08/2023	725	718	739	\$1,744,650
09/2023 - 08/2024	775	761	968	\$2,198,632
TOTAL	12,383	10,549	10,286	\$13,212,115