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IMAC Public Assistance Fraud Program Subcommittee

Purpose/Scope:

This subcommittee will:

1. Identify the sources and levels of funding available for the public assistance fraud program (PAFP)
2. Identify methods and options for cost-effective and efficient PAFP administration,
3. Identify ways to increase the establishment of claims for the recovery of over-issued benefits
4. Make program administration and funding recommendations to IMAC consistent with BEM program goals to:
 - Increase payment accuracy
 - Reduce local agency workload
 - Increase access and participation of eligible citizens

Objectives:

1. Develop strategies to increase program revenue at the state and local level by increasing collection/recovery activities.
2. Identify ways to streamline the administrative process for reporting prevention, investigation and overpayment activities at the local agency level.
3. Develop a methodology for distribution of available funds at the state and local level. (Currently, DHFS and DWD require local IM and W-2 agencies to separate program integrity (fraud prevention) from fraud investigative services)
4. Develop service delivery model options for various size geographical areas and agencies, such as consortiums of smaller agencies, or contracting between agencies for prevention activities, fraud investigations, and claims establishment.
5. Evaluate the level of local agency retention of recovered over-issued benefits as an incentive to increase PAFP funding and activities.
6. Determine incentives to increase PAFP activity at the local level.
7. Identify best ways to provide public information as well as client and agency education about the PAFP.

Membership and Staffing Responsibilities:

Local agency representation will come from small, medium and large agencies from various areas of the state, including members of the Wisconsin Association of Public Assistance Fraud (WAPAF). The Division of Health Care Financing selects state agency representatives. DHCF staff is responsible for arranging meeting locations, distributing agendas and taking and distributing minutes.

Core Group Members:

Co-chair – Mike McKenzie, DHCF
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Non-core Members, to be consulted as needed:

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