

STOP MEDICAID ABUSE

Iowa Needs Eligibility Verification

The Facts

Iowa's Largest General Fund Appropriations:

1. School Aid
- 2. MEDICAID**
3. Higher Education




Nearly
1 of 5
Iowans receive
Medicaid benefits

Federal and state governments combine to spend


\$5 BILLION
on Medicaid in Iowa every year


The Problem

It is unclear how much Medicaid abuse is present in Iowa. Other states have found:

 *Illinois uncovered more than 14,000 dead enrollees.*

 *Michigan identified thousands of lottery winners.*

 *Arkansas removed 25,000 receiving benefits in multiple states*

 *Louisiana randomly checked 100 recipients. 82 did not qualify.*



Iowa doesn't know!

The Solution

Protect resources for those who qualify.



Regularly review recipient eligibility.



Remove individuals from the rolls who abuse the system.

*A **Medicaid recipient** audit would control costs and ensure benefits reach the truly needy.*

More information on this issue is available from the Foundation for Government Accountability - thefga.org



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