

39-760. Establishment of system for reporting suspected abuse or fraud in welfare or medical assistance programs; notice of existence of system. (a) The secretary of health and environment and the secretary for children and families are hereby directed to establish a system for the reporting of suspected abuse or fraud in connection with state welfare or medical assistance programs, either by recipients or health care providers. The system shall be designed to permit any person in the state at any time to place a toll-free call into the system and report suspected cases of welfare abuse or suspected cases of health care provider fraud.

(b) The secretary of health and environment and the secretary for children and families are further directed to publicize the system throughout the state.

(c) Notice of the existence of the system established pursuant to this section shall be displayed prominently in the office or facility of every health care provider who provides services under the state medical assistance program.

(d) The secretary of health and environment shall notify annually each recipient of state medical assistance of the toll-free number of the system established pursuant to this section and the purpose thereof. If possible, such notice shall be printed on the medical cards issued to recipients by the secretary.

History: L. 1978, ch. 372, § 1; L. 2008, ch. 164, § 21; L. 2012, ch. 102, § 5; L. 2014, ch. 115, § 91; July 1.