

STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

EXECUTIVE ORDER 26-04

**FOR: PROTECTING HOOSIER TAXPAYER DOLLARS BY COORDINATING
FRAUD PREVENTION ACROSS STATE GOVERNMENT**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS.

WHEREAS, any amount of fraud perpetrated on the taxpayers of Indiana is unacceptable and Indiana will not tolerate the abuse or misuse of public funds;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN") has issued an Alert to urge financial institutions to identify and report fraud associated with Federal child nutrition programs in Minnesota;

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana administers that same program as well as other programs that receive significant amounts of federal funds;

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana takes a zero-tolerance approach to fraud and will root out individuals and entities who exploit vulnerable populations for personal gain;

WHEREAS, Medicaid is expected to receive over \$30,000,000,000.00 in federal funds for fiscal years 2026 and 2027;

WHEREAS, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("TANF") are expected to receive over \$3,200,000,000.00 in federal funds for benefit recipients for fiscal years 2026 and 2027;

WHEREAS, Federally Funded School and Community Nutrition Programs Administered by the Department of Education and other state agencies are expected to receive over \$1,500,000,000.00 in federal funds for fiscal years 2026 and 2027;

WHEREAS, the Child Care Development Fund ("CCDF") is expected to receive \$600,000,000.00 in federal funds for fiscal years 2026 and 2027;

WHEREAS, the Older Youth Initiative ("OYT") is expected to receive over \$2,000,000.00 in federal funds for fiscal years 2026 and 2027;

WHEREAS, the Women, Infants, and Children ("WIC") program is expected to receive over \$300,000,000.00 in federal funds for fiscal years 2026 and 2027;

WHEREAS, Federally Funded Special Education programs administered by the Department of Education and other state agencies are expected to receive over \$1,400,000,000.00 in federal funds for fiscal years 2026 and 2027;

WHEREAS, the State must seek to ensure that fraud does not creep into the disbursement of public benefits and that bad actors are not permitted to abuse the programs meant to assist our most vulnerable;

WHEREAS, safeguarding taxpayer dollars against fraud and improper payments is a core function of Government and crucial to prudent administration of public funds;

WHEREAS, it is the position of this administration that Hoosiers deserve honesty, transparency, and accountability when it comes to state government spending, including in federally funded benefits programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State of Indiana to defend against financial fraud and improper payments, increase efficiency, reduce costs, and enhance the security of the Federal programs it administers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BRAUN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby order:

1. The Indiana Council on Fraud Detection and Prevention (“the Council”) is created to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in federal programs administered by state agencies to promote effective stewardship of taxpayer dollars.
2. The Council shall focus on the following federal programs administered by state agencies:
 - a. Medicaid;
 - b. SNAP and TANF;
 - c. Federally Funded School and Community Nutrition Programs administered by the Department of Education and other state agencies;
 - d. CCDF;
 - e. OYI;
 - f. WIC; and
 - g. Federally Funded Special Education programs administered by the Department of Education and other state agencies.
3. The following agencies shall each appoint one representative to serve on the Council:
 - a. The State Budget Agency established by Indiana Code § 4-12-1-3;
 - b. The Family Social Services Administration established by Indiana Code § 12-8-1.5-1;
 - c. The Department of Child Services established by Indiana Code § 31-25-1-1;
 - d. The Department of Education established by Indiana Code § 20-19-3-1;
 - e. The Department of Health established by Indiana Code § 16-19-1-1;
 - f. The State Board of Accounts established by Indiana Code § 5-11-1-1;
 - g. The State Police established by Indiana Code § 10-11-2-4;
 - h. The Office of the Inspector General established by Indiana Code § 4-2-7-2;
 - i. The Management and Performance Hub established by IC 4-3-26-8; and
 - j. The Department of Workforce Development established by Indiana Code § 22-4.1-2-1.

In addition, the Attorney General is invited to appoint a member from the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the Office of the Attorney General established by Indiana Code § 4-6-10-1.

4. The Council shall be chaired by Secretary of Public Safety or his designee. The Vice Chair shall be the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Appointee, if one is appointed by the Attorney General.
5. The Council shall meet quarterly, with additional meetings scheduled as needed by the Council Chair, to:
 - a. Coordinate the State's efforts to administer federal programs identified in paragraph 2 of this Executive Order by state agencies, including by:
 - i. developing effective methods to identify, detect, and prevent fraud;
 - ii. developing effective methods to recover identified monies lost due to fraud;
 - iii. enforcing state and federal laws and rules concerning federal program administration;
 - b. Prevent fraudulent practices involved with state administered federal programs; and

- c. Share information and resources necessary for the efficient administration of the programs set forth in paragraph 2 of this Executive Order, unless prohibited by law.
- 6. All State Agencies are directed to collaborate with the Council to the fullest extent allowed under applicable state and federal law, including execution of data sharing agreements.
- 7. Not later than November 1 of each year, the Council shall report to the Governor, Attorney General, and the Legislative Council on the activities of each agency comprising the Council under paragraph 3 of this Executive Order with respect to the most recent state fiscal year. The report required under this section must include:
 - a. information on the regulatory activities of each agency described in paragraph 2 of this Executive Order, including a description of any:
 - i. disciplinary or enforcement actions taken;
 - ii. criminal prosecutions pursued;
 - iii. rules adopted;
 - iv. policies issued; or
 - v. legislative recommendations made;concerning the programs involved in administering the federal programs identified in paragraph 2 of this Executive Order;
 - b. a description of any challenges:
 - i. encountered by the Council during the most recent state fiscal year; or
 - ii. anticipated by the Council in the current state fiscal year;in carrying out the duties set forth in section 5 of this Executive Order;
 - c. any additional information required by the Legislative Council; and
 - d. any recommendations by the Council for legislation necessary to assist the Council in carrying out the duties set forth in section 5 of this Executive Order.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Mike Braun, have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana on this 2nd day of February, 2026.

Mike Braun

Mike Braun
Governor of Indiana

DIEGO MORALES

ATTEST: Diego Morales
Secretary of State