

## **OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL (OAG)**

### **93.519 AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE CONSUMER ASSISTANCE**

**Program Description:** To assist consumers with filing complaints and appeals, assist consumers with enrollment into health coverage, and educate consumers on their rights and responsibilities. In addition, by law they will collect data on consumer inquires and complaints to help the Secretary identify problems in the marketplace and strengthen enforcement. Starting in 2014, programs must also help resolve problems with premium credits for Exchange coverage.

### **93.775 STATE MEDICAID FRAUD CONTROL UNITS – SS ACT TITLE XIX**

**Program Description:** Eliminates fraud and patient abuse in the state Medicaid program.

The Maryland Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) of the Office of the Attorney General investigates and prosecutes instances of Medicaid provider fraud and the abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults. The MFCU has statewide authority to prosecute such cases and utilizes the grand juries of the various counties to this end. The MFCU serves the people of Maryland through the enforcement actions it undertakes. The MFCU seeks to deter the criminal behavior that comes under its purview by bringing enforcement actions, seeking restitution where appropriate, and by seeking appropriate sentences for those individuals or entities that violate the laws pertaining to fraud and abuse and neglect. The MFCU also advises the Attorney General and his constituents, as well as the Medicaid program, on Medicaid fraud matters and policy issues surrounding the abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults.

**Formula Description:** Formula grant.

### **95.001 HIDTA - High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas**

**Program Description:** This program, established by the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, authorizes the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) to designate areas within the United States which exhibit serious drug trafficking problems and harmfully impact other areas of the country as High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas. Grant funds are provided to law enforcement initiatives in areas that have been designated as a HIDTA. Initiatives must include collocated Federal and State/local/tribal law enforcement officers. Initiatives must also share information with regional intelligence or information centers and deconflict their operations. The reauthorization statutes provide the restrictions for the HIDTA program.

**Formula Description:** Discretionary funding availability is based upon appropriated amounts.

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