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FIA ACTION TRANSMITTAL

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**TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR FAMILY INVESTMENT
FAMILY INVESTMENT SUPERVISORS AND ELIGIBILITY STAFF
PURCHASE OF CHILD CARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS**

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RE: POC PROVIDER FRAUD AND RECOUPMENT

PROGRAM AFFECTED: PURCHASE OF CHILD CARE

ORIGINATING OFFICE: CHILD CARE ADMINISTRATION

SUMMARY: This action transmittal outlines the changes made to the policy and procedures concerning provider fraud and recoupment.

NEW POLICY: Payment is denied to any provider who has committed fraud against the Department. The determination of fraud is based on a determination by the Inspector General's Office, a law enforcement agency or an adjudication by a reviewing tribunal and the initiation of recoupment procedures by the local department. Providers who commit fraud cannot receive any POC payments for 12 months from the date payment was denied for committing fraud even if they make full restitution to the local department within the 12 month period. If the repayment period exceeds 12 months, providers cannot receive payment until they make full restitution to the local department. Any child care center, family child care home or informal provider who is denied payment for committing fraud can appeal to the Office of Administrative Appeals.

Please find the statewide list of investigators from the Inspector General's Office attached for quick reference.

Please refer to Action Transmittal 98-51 for overpayment processing information.

CCAMIS PROCEDURES: An edit has been added to the Voucher Receipt screen to block the receipt of new vouchers to providers who have committed fraud. Payment is blocked on the Invoice Processing screen for at least 12

months for providers who have committed fraud. Payment continues to be blocked until full restitution is made. A letter regarding provider fraud has been added to CCAMIS for both parents and providers.

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INQUIRIES: Direct policy or procedures inquiries to Betsy Blair at 410-767-7845 or bblair@dhr.state.md.us. Direct CCAMIS inquiries to Anne Webster at 410-767-7815 or awebster@dhr.state.md.us.

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