

## Apr-June 2024 Summary of Changes

Chapter	Passage	Summary
<b>200</b>	0260.0100 0260.0103	Updated refugee cash and medical assistance from eight to 12 months
<b>600</b>	0660.0100	Updated refugee cash and medical assistance from eight to 12 months
<b>1410</b>	1410.1919	Deleted passage
<b>1450</b>	1460.0106 1460.0106.02 1460.0107 1460.0108 1460.0109 1460.0110 1460.0111 1460.0112  1460.1900  1460.1919	Updated refugee cash and medical assistance from eight to 12 months          Updated policy language when imposing RCA sanctions Passage deleted
<b>3600</b>	3610.0100 3610.0400 3610.0500 3610.0503 3610.0504 3610.0505 3620.0400 3620.0500 3620.0503 3620.0504 3620.0505	Updated the name of Division of Public Assistance Fraud to Bureau of Public Assistance Fraud

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### **0260.0100 Refugee Assistance Program (RAP)**

Refugees are individuals who have been forced to flee their native country due to a fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a social group. The Refugee Assistance Program provides financial and medical assistance to Refugees who do not otherwise qualify for TCA or Medicaid.

The purpose of RAP is to provide for the effective resettlement of refugees and to assist them to achieve economic self-sufficiency as quickly as possible. Refugee cash and medical assistance is limited to ~~eight~~ 12 months from a refugee's date of entry into the United States. Victims of Human Trafficking may also receive benefits under the RAP program.

### **0260.0103 Eligibility Criteria (RAP)**

To be eligible for RAP, an individual must have been determined ineligible for TCA and or Medicaid. The individual must meet program requirements including residency, income, assets, employment registration, and have lived in the US for a period of less than ~~eight~~ 12 months. Eligibility for RAP is determined by the alien status document issued by the United States Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS).

### **0660.0100 Application for Assistance (RAP)**

The Refugee Assistance Program (RAP) provides refugee cash assistance and refugee Medicaid coverage. Benefits are time limited to ~~eight~~ 12 months from the date of entry, date of status, or date asylum was granted. Evaluate all refugee applicants for potential TCA and/or other Medicaid coverage prior to approving RAP benefits. Refugees applying for TCA will have immunizations and learnfare requirements waived at initial application, if the initial application is within their ~~eight~~ 12 months from date of entry, status, or asylum; however, this information must be provided at recertification. Applicants who refuse to comply with TCA requirements are not eligible for RCA benefits.

Individuals may apply in person, by mail or by web-based or facsimile application. An acceptable application must have the applicant's name, address, and signature on the form. Upon request from an applicant, provide necessary assistance in completing the application.

Encourage the individual or the individual's authorized representative to exercise the right to file an application the same day the individual or authorized representative contacts the office and expresses interest in obtaining assistance. Only the PIP or authorized representative must sign the application.

Unless signed in the presence of the eligibility specialist, an application signed with a mark must have two witness' signatures. If the eligibility specialist signs as the witness, no other witness is required.

An individual must complete an application form at initial application, reapplication, eligibility review and requests for additional types of assistance.

### **1410.1919 Food Stamp Sanctions for RAP Individuals (FS)**

~~Impose a SNAP E&T sanction on individuals who receive Refugee Cash Assistance and food stamps if they fail to complete employment and training requirements of RAP employment providers.~~

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### **1460.0106 Lawful Permanent Resident (RAP)**

A lawful permanent resident (LPR) is a noncitizen who lawfully immigrates to the United States and has permission to live and work in the U.S. Most LPR's entering after 8/22/96 are subject to the ~~5~~ **five** year ban. However, certain LPR's may be eligible for the Refugee Assistance Program based on their noncitizen status without a ~~5~~ **five** year ban if they entered the U.S. based upon a prior status as:

1. Refugee status under section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). Eligible for ~~eight~~ **12** months beginning with their date of entry into the U.S.
2. Asylee status under section 208 of the INA. Eligible if within first ~~eight~~ **12** months from the date asylum was granted.
3. Amerasian. Eligible if from Vietnam and within ~~eight~~ **12** months from date of entry.
4. Cuban/ Haitian Deportation Withheld status or granted an Indefinite Stay of Deportation. Eligible for ~~eight~~ **12** months from date Cuban/ Haitian status was granted.
5. Cuban/ Haitian Entrant status. Eligible for ~~eight~~ **12** months from date of entry.
6. Victim of Human Trafficking. Eligible for ~~eight~~ **12** months from the date of the certification letter.

### **1460.0106.02 Amerasians (RAP)**

Individuals born in Vietnam between January 1, 1962, and before January 1, 1976, fathered by a U.S. citizen, or a spouse, child, parent, or guardian accompanying or following an Amerasian admitted under this program admitted to the U.S. as immigrants under Section 584 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs Appropriations Act of 1988.

Verification of status includes:

1. Vietnamese exit visa with DHS stamp code AM1, AM2, or AM3,
2. unexpired temporary I-551 stamp in a foreign passport with code AM1, AM2, or AM3,
3. unexpired temporary I-551 stamp on I-94 with code AM1, AM2, or AM3, or
4. foreign passport, with code A11, A16, A41, A46, AM1, AM2, AM3, or ARI.

These individuals are eligible for the Refugee Assistance Program for ~~eight~~ **12** months from date of entry.

### **1460.0107 Asylees (RAP)**

Noncitizens granted asylum under Section 208, who have received permission to remain in the U.S. based on a "well-founded fear of persecution" should the individual return to the individual's native land, may be considered for asylum. A prospective asylee applies for asylum after entering the U.S., a U.S. territory or a U.S. embassy, unlike a refugee who applies from abroad.

Proof of this status include:

1. USCIS Form I-94 showing grant of asylum under Section 208,
2. USCIS Form I-688B (Employment Authorization Card) annotated 274a.12(a)(5),
3. USCIS Form I-766 (Employment Authorization Card) annotated A5,
4. grant of asylum letter from the Asylum Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service indicating this status is granted,
5. an order of an immigration judge granting asylum, or
6. other conclusive documentation of this status.

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When determining eligibility for the Refugee Assistance Program (RAP), the asylee's status date is used. Asylees whose date of application is within ~~eight~~ **12** months of their status date and are ineligible for Temporary Cash Assistance are eligible for RAP on the factor of noncitizen status.

To determine eligibility for RAP, the eligibility specialist may only use for verification the USCIS Form I-94, USCIS Form I-551 coded AS1, AS2, AS3, AS6, AS7, or AS8, an order of an immigration judge, or letter from USCIS indicating this status has been granted.

### **1460.0108 Refugees (RAP)**

Refugees are defined as those noncitizens given permission to enter the U.S. under Section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act. These noncitizens have applied to be admitted to the U.S. based upon a well-founded fear of persecution in their homeland. Persecution must be due to race, religion, nationality, social or political ties and cannot be economic in nature.

Proof of this status include:

1. USCIS Form I-94 or I-551 bearing Section 207,
2. USCIS Form I-688B (Employment Authorization Card) annotated 274a.12(a)(3),
3. USCIS Form I-766 annotated A3,
4. USCIS Form I-571 (Refugee Travel Document), or
5. other conclusive documentation of this status.

Noncitizens admitted as refugees under this section are qualified noncitizens. Refugees within ~~eight~~ **12** months of their entry date are also eligible for the Refugee Assistance Program if ineligible for Temporary Cash Assistance and all other factors of eligibility are met.

Verification required for this status includes USCIS Form I-94 or I-551 bearing Section 207, USCIS Form I-571 or USCIS Form I-551 annotated with the following codes: CNP, CU0, CUP, C7P, RE1, RE2, RE3, RE6, RE7, RE8, R86 and Y64.

### **1460.0109 Victims of Human Trafficking (RAP)**

Victims of severe forms of human trafficking are eligible for benefits to the same extent as an alien who is admitted to the United States as a refugee under section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act. The only exception is that the human trafficking victim will not provide USCIS documents. Adult victims will provide a certification letter from the Department of HHS. Children under 18 years old are not required to be certified and will instead be provided an eligibility letter. The agency will accept the certification letter for adults or the eligibility letter for children in place of USCIS documentation.

Before approving these individuals for benefits, the validity of the certification or eligibility letter must be confirmed by calling the HHS' Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) at (866) 401-5510. The call will advise ORR of the benefits for which the individual has applied and at the same time ORR will verify whether or not the individual is a trafficking victim.

Certain family members of victims of human trafficking are now potentially eligible for refugee assistance payments. This includes the spouse and children of a trafficking victim 21 years of age or older. If the severe trafficking victim is under 21 years of age, parents, spouses, children, and unmarried siblings under 18 on the date of the T Visa's application are eligible, if they meet all other program criteria. These family members will have a nonimmigrant T Visa, with no

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additional USCIS documentation. Trafficking victims and certain family members are potentially eligible for refugee assistance payments for ~~eight~~ 12 months from the date of the trafficking certification letter.

**Note:** Do not use Verification Information System-Customer Processing System (VIS-CPS) for these individuals as VIS-CPS does not contain information about them.

**Potential Child Trafficking Victims:** Potential child trafficking victims are eligible for federally funded benefits and services for up to 90 days pending a final trafficking eligibility decision. An “Interim Assistance Letter” issued to potential child victims by the Department of HHS, Office of Refugee Services (ORR) will certify this status. These children are eligible for benefits beginning with the eligibility began date on the interim assistance letter. ORR will issue a final trafficking determination on the child within this interim period. If denied a final trafficking status, terminate benefits at the end of the month in which the 90th day falls.

Proof of this status includes:

1. ORR certification letter,
2. T-2, T-3, T-4, or T-5 visa, also called a “Derivative T Visa”,
3. telephone call to verification line at (202) 401-5510, or
4. victims that are minors are eligible on the basis of a similar ORR letter of eligibility, which is not a certification letter.

### **1460.0110 Cuban/ Haitian Parolees (RAP)**

Nationals of Cuba or Haiti paroled under Section 212(d)(5); Nationals of Cuba or Haiti granted parole status by the Attorney General under Section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act are eligible for refugee assistance on the factor of noncitizen status if they are within ~~eight~~ 12 months of attaining their Cuban or Haitian Entrant status, and have been determined ineligible for Temporary Cash Assistance. Cuban/Haitian parolees are also defined as Cuban/Haitian Entrants.

**Note:** Only parolees from Cuba or Haiti are eligible for refugee assistance benefits based on their noncitizen status.

### **1460.0111 Cuban/ Haitian Deportation Withheld (RAP)**

Nationals of Cuba or Haiti, within ~~eight~~ 12 months of their date of entry, whose deportation is being withheld or granted indefinite stay of deportation pursuant to Section 243(h) or 241(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act are eligible Refugee Assistance Program (RAP) services as Cuban/Haitian Entrants. If they are ineligible for Temporary Cash Assistance, they can be eligible to receive benefits from RAP on the factor of noncitizen status.

Proof of this status includes:

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1. an order from an immigration judge showing deportation has been withheld pursuant to Section 243(h) or 241 of the INA, or other USCIS documentation.
2. USCIS Form I-766 (Employment Authorization Card) annotated A-10. or
3. USCIS Form I-688B (Employment Authorization Card) annotated (a)(10).

The court will include the date deportation was withheld. If the applicant does not present a court order, do secondary verification.

These individuals are not subject to the five-year ban and may be eligible for RAP for ~~eight~~ 12 months from the date Cuban/ Haitian Status obtained.

Cubans and Haitians whose deportation is withheld or granted an indefinite stay of deportation are also defined as Cuban/Haitian Entrants.

**Note:** Only nationals from Cuba or Haiti whose deportation is withheld or who are granted an indefinite stay of deportation are eligible for RAP benefits based on their noncitizen status.

### **1460.0112 Cuban/Haitian Entrants (RAP)**

Cuban/Haitian Entrants under Section 501(e) of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980 are defined as any national of Cuba or Haiti who:

1. was granted parole status as a Cuban/Haitian Entrant (status pending) or granted any other special status subsequently established under the immigration laws for nationals of Cuba or Haiti, regardless of the status of the individual at the time assistance or services are provided; or
2. any other national of Cuba or Haiti who:
  - a. was paroled into the United States and has not acquired any other status under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA);
  - b. is the subject of exclusion or deportation proceedings under the INA; or
  - c. has an application for asylum pending with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS), and with respect to whom a final, nonappealable, and legally enforceable order of deportation or exclusion has not been entered.

Cuban/Haitian Entrants are considered qualified noncitizens. Refer to specific program criteria to determine if they qualify for benefits.

Verification of this status includes:

1. USCIS Form I-94, stamped paroled as "Cuban/Haitian Entrant, Status Pending",
2. USCIS Form I-551 with code CU6 or CH6,
3. unexpired temporary I-551 stamp in foreign passport,
4. USCIS Form I-94 with code CU6 or CH6, or
5. other conclusive documentation of this status. Those persons with application for asylum pending will have "Form I-589 filed" or official USCIS receipt of USCIS Form I-589 along with an USCIS Form I-94 with this status.

Cuban/Haitian Entrants under this section who are ineligible for Temporary Cash Assistance are eligible to receive benefits from the Refugee Assistance Program on the factor of noncitizen status if their date of status is ~~eight~~ 12 months or less from the date of application.

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### **1460.1900 Employment and Training (RAP)**

Certain individuals are required to register and/or participate in employment and training (E&T) or work activities. Individuals whose needs are not included in the benefit calculation are not subject to these requirements.

Individuals subject to work requirements must comply with the work requirements. Applicants must work register and complete an overview of the basic options and services of the program as a condition of eligibility. This must be completed prior to authorization of benefits. Employment and training services are provided by local ~~Regional Workforce Boards/designee~~ [Refugee Services Employment Providers](#).

Employment and training services for RAP E&T individuals are provided through the agencies funded by the ~~Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP)~~ [Office of Refugee Resettlement \(ORR\)](#). Agencies funded by the ~~Refugee Resettlement Program~~ [ORR](#) do not exist in all Regions or Circuits. In these Regions or Circuits, RAP E&T [eligible](#) individuals may be ~~provided~~ [exempt from](#) employment and training services ~~through the Agency for Workforce Innovation~~ [but work requirements for food stamps must be evaluated](#).

### **1460.1919 Penalties for Failure of FS Individual to Comply (RAP)**

[RAP individuals who also receive food stamps will only be penalized for Refugee Cash Assistance if they fail to complete RAP E&T requirements.](#) ~~RAP individuals who receive food stamps will be penalized for both programs if they fail to complete a work activity comparable to an activity offered by the Food Stamp Employment and Training Program (FSET). The eligibility specialist is responsible for determining whether work activities for RAP individuals are comparable to activities offered under the FSET. A contact with the Regional Workforce Board/designee may be necessary to determine the activity with which the participant failed to comply without good cause so that the eligibility specialist can determine whether the activity was comparable.~~

### **3610.0100 BENEFIT RECOVERY/BENEFIT INVESTIGATIONS BACKGROUND (FS)**

The need to recover improperly issued benefits and to identify and prosecute individuals who willfully and fraudulently obtained, or attempted to obtain, these benefits led to the development of a statewide system for the identification, investigation, determination, and collection of public assistance overpayments.

This system is comprised of:

1. the Benefit Investigations Program (BI);
2. the Benefit Recovery (BR) Program; and
3. the [Bureau](#) ~~Division~~ of Public Assistance Fraud ([BPAF](#) ~~DPAF~~).

(BI) conduct pre-eligibility, fraud screening, investigations and refer cases of attempted fraud to Administrative Disqualification Hearings. Referrals from BI to the Office of the Secretary Inspector General Hearings (OSIH) are no program loss and program loss cases. Cases suspected of past overpayment from suspected fraud are referred by BI directly to the [Bureau](#) ~~Division~~ of Public Assistance Fraud ([BPAF](#) ~~DPAF~~) by using the FLORIDA BVBR screen.

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BR establishes the existence, circumstances and amount of public assistance overpayment and pursues recovery of overpayments from members of the overpaid assistance group or person responsible for causing the overpayment (i.e., authorized representative).

The ~~BPAF~~ ~~DPAF~~ handles fraud investigations and referrals to the State Attorneys and administrative disqualification hearings where appropriate in all programs covered in Chapters 409 and 414, Florida Statutes.

### **3610.0400 OVERPAYMENT AMOUNT (FS)**

The eligibility specialist determines if an overpayment appears to exist, and a referral is completed and transmitted to BR for all agency error and household error overpayments. All suspected fraud referrals are transmitted to ~~BPAF~~ ~~DPAF~~ for review and possible investigations. BR will determine the overpayment based on the best available information. If there is no acceptable information available on which to establish a corrected benefit amount, then insufficient evidence exists and no claim can be established by BR.

### **3610.0500 DEPARTMENT STAFF OVERPAYMENT RESPONSIBILITIES (FS)**

Overpayment responsibilities of the eligibility specialist, Benefit Recovery, Benefit Investigations, and the ~~Bureau~~ ~~Division~~ of Public Assistance Fraud are provided in passages 3610.0501 through 3610.0505.

### **3610.0503 Benefit Recovery Responsibilities (FS)**

BR is responsible for the establishment of all overpayment claims and the maintenance of all recoupment and recovery activities.

As the Department's liaison with ~~BPAF~~ ~~DPAF~~, BR is responsible for the programming of the electronic submission of suspected fraud referrals to ~~BPAF~~ ~~DPAF~~ via FLORIDA BVBR. When the investigation results in sufficient evidence of suspected fraud, ~~BPAF~~ ~~DPAF~~ completes a referral for prosecution to the appropriate State Attorney or to the OSIH. This process is also completed on cases identified by ~~BPAF~~ ~~PAF~~ through independent program reviews.

BR is the "Custodian of the Case Record" for the overpayment claim from the date of request for an Administrative Disqualification Hearing or court hearing to final disposition.

### **3610.0504 Benefit Investigations Responsibilities (FS)**

The Department will conduct pre-eligibility fraud screening and investigation of suspected fraud cases at the application/reapplication, certification/recertification process and prior to benefit approval. The Department is responsible for referring appropriate cases to the OISH, Hearings for an Administrative Disqualification Hearing. Cases in which individuals have received benefits due to suspected fraud will be referred directly to ~~BPAF~~ ~~DPAF~~ by BI staff by completion of the FLORIDA BVBR screen.

### **3610.0505 Bureau ~~Division~~ of Public Assistance Fraud Responsibilities (FS)**

~~BPAF~~ ~~DPAF~~ has the responsibility to handle investigations of suspected fraud in all programs covered in Chapter 409, Florida Statutes (FS). This includes the Food Stamp Program. The

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Department has a contract with ~~BPAF~~ ~~DPAF~~ to investigate fraud in the public assistance programs. Federal matching monies are utilized to fund this activity.

~~BPAF~~ ~~PAF~~ has the responsibility for investigating and referring cases of suspected fraud for prosecution to the State Attorney and for referring cases to the OSIH for Administrative Disqualification Hearings.

### **3620.0400 OVERPAYMENT AMOUNT (TCA)**

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### **3620.0500 DEPARTMENT STAFF OVERPAYMENT RESPONSIBILITIES (TCA)**

Overpayment responsibilities of the eligibility specialist, Benefit Recovery, Benefit Investigations, and the ~~Bureau~~ ~~Division~~ of Public Assistance Fraud are provided in passages 3620.0501 through 3620.0505.

#### **3620.0503 Benefit Recovery Responsibilities (TCA)**

BR is responsible for the establishment of all overpayment claims and the maintenance of all recoupment and recovery activities.

As the Department's liaison with the ~~BPAF~~ ~~DPAF~~, BR is responsible for the programming of electronic submission of suspected fraud referrals to ~~BPAF~~ ~~DPAF~~ via FLORIDA BVBR. When the investigation results in sufficient evidence of suspected fraud, ~~BPAF~~ ~~DPAF~~ completes a referral for prosecution to the appropriate State Attorney or to the Office of the Secretary Inspector General Hearings. This process is also completed on cases identified by ~~BPAF~~ ~~DPAF~~ through independent program reviews.

The BR is the "Custodian of the Case Record" for the overpayment claim from the date of request for an Administrative Disqualification Hearing or court hearing to final disposition.

#### **3620.0504 Benefit Investigations Responsibilities (TCA)**

The Department will conduct pre-eligibility fraud screening and investigation of suspected fraud cases at the application/reapplication, certification/recertification process and prior to benefit approval. The Department is responsible for referring appropriate cases to OSIH, Hearings for an Administrative Disqualification Hearing. Cases in which individuals have received benefits due to suspected fraud will be referred directly to ~~BPAF~~ ~~DPAF~~ by Benefit Investigations staff by completion of the FLORIDA BVBR screen.

#### **3620.0505 Bureau ~~Division~~ of Public Assistance Fraud Responsibilities (TCA)**

~~BPAF~~ ~~DPAF~~ has the responsibility to handle investigations of suspected fraud in all programs covered in Chapter 409, Florida Statutes (FS). This includes the TCA. The Department has a contract with ~~BPAF~~ ~~DPAF~~ to investigate fraud in the public assistance programs. Federal matching monies are utilized to fund this activity.

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**BPAF** ~~DPAF~~ has the responsibility for investigating and referring cases of suspected fraud for prosecution to the State Attorney and for referring cases to the OSIH for Administrative Disqualification Hearings.

### **3630.0500 DEPARTMENT STAFF OVERPAYMENT RESPONSIBILITIES (MFAM)**

Overpayment responsibilities of the eligibility specialist, Benefit Recovery, Benefit Investigations, and **Bureau** ~~Division~~ of Public Assistance Fraud are provided in passage 3630.0501 through 3630.0505.

### **3630.0503 Benefit Recovery Responsibilities (MFAM)**

Benefit Recovery (BR) is responsible for the establishment of all overpayment claims and the maintenance of all recovery activities.

As the Department's liaison with the **BPAF** ~~DPAF~~, BR is responsible for the programing of electronic submission of suspected fraud referrals to **BPAF** ~~DPAF~~ via FLORIDA BVBR. When the investigation results in sufficient evidence of suspected fraud, **BPAF** ~~DPAF~~ completes a referral for prosecution to the appropriate State Attorney or to the OSIH. This process is also completed on cases identified by **BPAF** ~~DPAF~~ through independent program reviews.

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### **3630.0504 Benefit Investigations Responsibilities (MFAM)**

The Department will conduct pre-eligibility fraud screening and investigation of suspected fraud cases at the application/reapplication process and prior to benefit approval. Cases in which individuals have received benefits due to suspected fraud will be referred directly to **BPAF** ~~DPAF~~ staff by completion of the FLORIDA BVBR screen.

### **3630.0505 Bureau** ~~Division~~ **of Public Assistance Fraud Responsibilities (MFAM)**

**BPAF** ~~DPAF~~ has the responsibility to handle investigations of suspected fraud in all programs covered in Chapter 409, Florida Statutes (FS). This includes the Medicaid Programs. The Department has a contract with **BPAF** ~~DPAF~~ to investigate fraud in these programs. Federal matching monies are utilized to fund this activity.

**BPAF** ~~DPAF~~ has the responsibility for investigating and referring cases of suspected fraud for prosecution to the State Attorney and for referring cases.

### **3640.0500 DEPARTMENT STAFF OVERPAYMENT RESPONSIBILITIES (MSSI, SFP)**

Overpayment responsibilities of the eligibility specialist, Benefit Recovery, Benefit Investigations, and the **Bureau** ~~Division~~ of Public Assistance Fraud are provided in passages 3640.0501 through 3640.0505.

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### **3640.0503      Benefit Recovery Responsibilities (MSSI, SFP)**

BR is responsible for the establishment of all overpayment claims and the maintenance of all recoupment and recovery activities.

As the Department's liaison with the Department of Financial Services, ~~Bureau Division~~ of Public Assistance Fraud (~~BPAF DPAF~~), BR is responsible for the programming of electronic submission of suspected fraud referrals to ~~BPAF DPAF~~ via FLORIDA BVBR. When the investigation results in sufficient evidence of suspected fraud, ~~BPAF DPAF~~ completes a referral for prosecution to the appropriate State Attorney or to the Office of the Secretary Inspector General Hearings. This process is also completed on cases identified by ~~BPAF DPAF~~ through independent program reviews.

Medicaid provider fraud should be referred to the Agency for Health Care Administration. Cases are then referred to Medicaid Fraud Control in the Attorney General's office.

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### **3640.0504      Benefit Investigations Responsibilities (MSSI, SFP)**

The Department will conduct pre-eligibility fraud screening and investigation of suspected fraud cases at the application/reapplication, certification/recertification process and prior to benefit approval. Cases in which individuals have received benefits due to suspected fraud will be referred directly to ~~BPAF DPAF~~ by completion of the BVBR screen.

### **3640.0505      ~~Bureau Division~~ of Public Assistance Fraud Responsibilities (MSSI, SFP)**

~~BPAF DPAF~~ has the responsibility to handle investigations of suspected fraud in all programs covered in Chapter 409, Florida Statutes (FS). This includes the following programs: Optional State Supplementation, and Medicaid. The Department has a contract with ~~BPAF DPAF~~ to investigate fraud in the public assistance programs. Federal matching monies are utilized to fund this activity.

~~BPAF DPAF~~ has the responsibility for investigating and referring cases of suspected fraud for prosecution to the State Attorney.

### **3660.0500      DEPARTMENT STAFF OVERPAYMENT RESPONSIBILITIES (RAP)**

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### **3660.0505 ~~Bureau~~ **Division** of Public Assistance Fraud Responsibilities (RAP)**

~~BPAF~~ **DPAF** has the responsibility to handle investigations of suspected fraud in all programs covered in Chapter 409, Florida Statutes (FS). This includes the following programs: RAP/RAP Medicaid and SSI. The Department has a contract with ~~BPAF~~ **DPAF** to investigate fraud in the public assistance programs. Federal matching monies are utilized to fund this activity.

~~BPAF~~ **DPAF** has the responsibility for investigating and referring cases of suspected fraud for prosecution to the State Attorney and for referring cases to the OSIH for Administrative Disqualification Hearings.