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### **The Office of the Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG) Investigations Lead to 12 Arrests and Five Convictions**

LITTLE ROCK, AR—Elizabeth Smith was appointed as Medicaid Inspector General on June 11, 2015 by Governor Asa Hutchinson. Since that time, OMIG has referred 23 cases to the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) of the Arkansas Attorney General's Office. In total, these cases involve \$638,170.54 of potentially fraudulent Medicaid claims.

OMIG's cooperation with MFCU has resulted in 12 arrests during Smith's short tenure. The 12 arrests include the two highest billing providers, Al Dodds and Joseph Randolph respectively, in the Arkansas Medical Licensed Mental Health Practitioner Program. Dodds, the highest billing provider in the program since 2012, was charged with 11 felony counts of Medicaid fraud and one other felony. All fraudulent claims associated with Dodds' charges total approximately \$259,000. A jury trial is set for May 2016 on this case.

Randolph, the second highest billing provider in the program since 2012, was charged with 11 felony counts of Medicaid fraud and one other felony. All fraudulent claims associated with Randolph's charges total \$434,672.

In addition to the referrals and arrests, six Medicaid providers referred by OMIG to MFCU were convicted for Medicaid fraud. These convictions resulted in \$26,887.08 of restitution and \$9,300 in fines.

#### **Mission Statement of the Office of Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG)**

The mission of the OMIG is to prevent, detect, and investigate fraud, waste, and abuse within the medical assistance program. This mission is achieved through auditing Medicaid providers and medical assistance program functions; recovering improperly expended funds; and referring appropriate cases for criminal prosecution. OMIG works closely with providers and the medical assistance program to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse.