



# Kansas Attorney General

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## Office of the Medicaid Inspector General

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### ***What is the Office of Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG)?***

The OMIG was created by the Kansas Legislature in 2007 to serve as an independent oversight body for the Kansas Medicaid program, MediKan, and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). The OMIG was originally housed within the Kansas Health Policy Authority and was later transferred to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in 2011. The 2017 Kansas Legislature transferred the OMIG to the Kansas Attorney General's Office.

The duties of the OMIG are to oversee, audit, investigate, and conduct performance reviews of the KanCare, MediKan, and SCHIP. The purpose of the OMIG is to provide increased accountability, integrity, and oversight; assist in improving state agency and program operations; and deter and identify fraud, waste, abuse, and illegal acts involving those programs.

The OMIG is not authorized to assist individual consumers in navigating issues related to KanCare, MediKan, or SCHIP. The duties and jurisdiction of the Inspector General are further described in K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 75-7427.

### ***What is the current status of OMIG operations?***

Sarah Fertig has served as the Medicaid Inspector General since October 9, 2018, pending a confirmation vote by the full Senate. The position of Medicaid Inspector General was previously vacant for over four years. The OMIG is currently focused on setting up its physical office; securing necessary equipment, furnishings, and technology; meeting with agency representatives, MCOs and stakeholders; and developing plans to recruit qualified staff.

### ***How do I report suspected fraud, waste, abuse, or illegal acts related to KanCare, MediKan, or SCHIP?***

The Attorney General's Office is currently developing a mechanism for any person to electronically report those concerns to the Medicaid Inspector General. In the meantime, you may contact the OMIG at the address shown above.