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Assemblyman Blayne Osborn Launches Inquiry into Nevada's Medicaid Fraud Recovery Process

CARSON CITY, Nev. — Today, Assemblyman Blayne Osborn announced that he has initiated an inquiry into Nevada's Medicaid fraud recovery process, seeking additional information about how fraud cases are investigated, prosecuted, and recovered on behalf of Nevada taxpayers.

As part of the inquiry, Assemblyman Osborn submitted a series of questions earlier this week to the Nevada Health Authority regarding the state's Medicaid fraud referral process, the distribution of recovered funds, and the coordination between Nevada Medicaid and the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. The Nevada Health Authority has since provided its response.

According to the Nevada Health Authority, approximately 40 percent of Medicaid fraud referrals submitted by Nevada Medicaid between 2019 and June 2026 were accepted by the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit for criminal investigation.

In his inquiry, Assemblyman Osborn also requested clarification regarding Attorney General Aaron Ford's recent statement that his office recovered more than \$40.9 million through Medicaid fraud restitution and secured 36 criminal convictions in 2025.

In its response, the Nevada Health Authority stated that Nevada Medicaid has received approximately \$1.6 million from the Attorney General's Office for Medicaid fraud recoveries but could not confirm whether the reported \$40.9 million has been collected, transmitted, remitted to the federal government, or retained by the state. The agency referred Assemblyman Osborn to the Attorney General's Office for additional information.

"The information provided by the Nevada Health Authority helps clarify several aspects of Nevada's Medicaid fraud recovery process, but it also raises additional questions," **said Assemblyman Osborn.** "I intend to continue this inquiry by requesting additional information from the Attorney General's Office regarding its Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, including why only approximately 40 percent of referrals are accepted for criminal prosecution and clarifying where recovered monies are transmitted. As legislators, it's important that we fully understand how Medicaid fraud is investigated and how taxpayer dollars are ultimately recovered."

The full inquiry letter from Assemblyman Osborn and the complete response from the Nevada Health Authority are both attached.

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