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To: Jill.england@comcast.net
Subject: SAO Response to PRR #7812
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Dear Ms. England,

The Office of the Washington State Auditor has received and completed our response to your public records request sent in via email, as follows:

In the recent child care subsidy scandals, particularly the high-profile cases in Minnesota triggered by viral videos in late 2025, the primary target of alleged fraud is federally and state-funded Child Care Assistance Programs (such as Minnesota’s CCAP and similar subsidies under the Child Care and Development Fund), where providers—often highlighted as Somali-operated daycares—are accused of overbilling or claiming payments for nonexistent or inflated enrollment and attendance, pocketing taxpayer dollars without delivering services to low-income families. Similar but unproven allegations have spilled over to Washington state, though no charges have been filed there. Separately, the 2025 healthcare fraud takedown targeted Medicare and Medicaid billing schemes, including telemedicine scams, unnecessary durable medical equipment, genetic testing fraud, opioid diversion, and kickbacks involving licensed professionals and transnational networks, resulting in over \$14.6 billion in alleged losses. As a Washington State constituent, I respectfully request transparency regarding our state’s child care subsidy programs and Apple Health (Medicaid).

Please provide:

- ***The most recent audit findings***
- ***Estimated fraud or improper payment rates***
- ***Amounts recovered or referred for prosecution***
- ***The date of the last independent audit***

This information is essential to assure taxpayers that public funds are being properly safeguarded.

In response, the information below is the responsive records to fulfill your request with us:

- Our most recent audit of the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF), managed by DCYF, was published on May 5, 2025.
- Link to the report - <https://portal.sao.wa.gov/ReportSearch/Home/ViewReportFile?>

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- Findings related to the CCDF program begin on page 294.

We do not have information about estimated fraud referral or improper payment rates, or amounts recovered or referred for prosecution. That information may be available from DCYF or the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Office of Fraud and Accountability. [Office of Fraud and Accountability | DSHS](#)

We will now consider this closed. SAO does not intend to further address the request, and the PRA's one-year statute of limitations to seek judicial review has started to run as of the date of this letter. Please contact us within 30 days by e-mail at PublicRecords@sao.wa.gov, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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