Division of Criminal Justice
Medicaid Fraud Control Unit
Regional Director/Supervising Attorney – Rochester
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The New York State Office of the Attorney General’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) is seeking an attorney with substantial prosecuting experience to lead our Rochester Regional Office, which is responsible for nine counties in west-central New York.

The mission of MFCU is to investigate, prosecute and obtain criminal and civil remedies against individuals and corporate entities responsible for improper or fraudulent Medicaid billing schemes, to investigate and prosecute allegations of abuse and neglect of residents in nursing homes and other residential healthcare facilities, and to make Medicaid program integrity recommendations for New York’s $70 Billion Medicaid program serving over seven million New Yorkers. MFCU utilizes a team-based approach to identify and investigate fraud committed by hospitals, nursing homes, pharmacies, home health agencies, transportation providers, clinics, hospitals, doctors, dentists, nurses, and other Medicaid providers – as well as by unscrupulous persons who, for their own financial benefit, interfere with quality healthcare for or exploit Medicaid beneficiaries. From inception through disposition, attorneys, auditors, investigators and other professionals work together to uncover complex fraudulent conduct for which MFCU holds offenders accountable through both criminal prosecution and civil litigation.

Utilizing various state laws, including but not limited to the Penal Law, the False Claims Act, Social Services Law §145-b, and the Executive Law, the Unit brings proceedings to stop fraud by healthcare providers, to protect the integrity of the State Medicaid program and to protect the health and well-being of residents of residential care facilities. Many of these actions are conducted in coordination with other state, federal or local government and prosecutorial agencies, and have resulted in large-scale financial recoveries, and civil agreements to enhance provider compliance, on behalf of the State of New York, as well as the arrest and prosecution of various wrongdoers.

The selected candidate will work collaboratively with the MFCU Executive team in New York City to manage an office of 20 MFCU employees in Rochester in service of the Unit’s mission; lead and supervise investigations of allegations of financial fraud in the healthcare industry and of abuse and neglect of residents of healthcare facilities; present evidence to grand juries and conduct evidentiary hearings and trials in New York State courts; and serve as the Unit’s primary point of contact for interagency and community relationships in the greater Rochester area.

Responsibilities will include, but not be limited to the following:

- Investigative planning, and supervising and supporting investigative planning by the Region team members, for Unit investigations;
- Reviewing the work of other MFCU staffers and supporting their professional development;
- Reviewing charging instruments, memoranda recommending for charges, plea agreements, search warrants, indictments, civil complaints, civil settlement agreements and other MFCU materials;
- Carrying an individual docket of matters, as warranted by Regional caseload;
- Consulting and collaborating with MFCU’s Director and Deputy to enhance the Unit’s ability to efficiently and effectively use its resources, including those of the MFCU Rochester Regional Office, in service of the Unit’s mission; and
- Collaborating effectively with MFCU discipline supervisors for Auditors and Investigators within MFCU’s Rochester Regional Office and in MFCU Statewide, with Regional Directors of MFCU’s other six Regional Offices, and with MFCU’s Chief of Civil Enforcement Division Chief, on Unit initiatives and investigations with multi-Region impact.

This position reports to the Director and Deputy of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and is based in Rochester. Frequent travel in western/central New York is required for investigations, court appearances and outreach.
Applicants must have a minimum of fifteen (15) years of practice experience, and have experience working with multiple agencies and partners in the community. Excellent analytical, writing, legal research, organizational and communication skills are essential.

In addition, candidates for the position of Regional Director must possess: (1) supervisory and leadership skills; (2) strong research and interpersonal skills; (3) good judgment; (4) the ability to work independently and to work productively as a team member; and (5) the ability to work in a supportive and professional manner with professional staff and support staff.

Applicants also should have substantial grand jury and trial experience that preferably includes the investigation and prosecution of financial crimes, as well as experience in town and village justice courts in western New York. Experience with parallel criminal and civil proceedings is preferred. Experience drafting and overseeing the execution of search and eavesdropping warrants is a plus.

Applicants must reside in (or intend to soon become a resident of) New York State and be admitted to practice law in New York State. In addition, the Public Officers Law requires that attorneys in the Office be citizens of the United States. A two (2) year commitment upon being hired is a condition of employment.

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HOW TO APPLY

Applications are being received online. To apply, please visit our careers website: https://ag.ny.gov/job-postings.

Applicants must be prepared to submit a complete application consisting of the following:

- **Cover Letter** (You may address to Legal Recruitment)
- **Resume**
- **List of three (3) references** with contact information and email addresses
- **Writing Sample**

Please note: Failure to submit a complete application will delay the consideration of your application.

If you have questions regarding a position with the OAG and the application process or you need assistance with submitting your application, please contact the Legal Recruitment Bureau via email at recruitment@ag.ny.gov or phone at 212-416-8080. For more information about the OAG, please visit our website: ag.ny.gov