Georgia Department of Public Health

Preventing and Detecting Fraud

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Prioritizing High Risk Investigations

➤ High Risk Reports Compiled monthly

➤ Vendors are identified based on risk criteria
- Examples of criteria
  - ❖ Large number of redemptions outside the vendor's county
  - ❖ Large increase in volume over 6 month time period

➤ High Risk Vendors are prioritized by:
- Redemption Amount
- Peer Group
- WIC High Risk Criteria
- SNAP High Risk Status

➤ Covert Unit is responsible for initiating investigations on top 100

Joint Investigations

Covert Unit

- Compliance Buys
- Top 100 High Risk Vendors
- Refer all cases to Overt Unit

Overt Unit

- Regular monitoring
- Background Research
  - TLO
  - Secretary of State
  - Intel Database
  - STARS information
- Data Analysis
  - WIC Banking
  - SNAP Redemptions

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Success Story

- Covert Unit attempted compliance buys
- Store would not accept their vouchers
- Referred to Overt Unit for further investigation
  - Background Research
  - Data Analysis
- Investigation resulted in referral to US Attorney
- Currently pending prosecution

OIG Stats
July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2013

Disqualifications/Terminations   155

Criminal Referrals   43

Convictions   18

Search Warrants   15