

HEALTH EDUCATION & ADVOCACY UNIT

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Within the Division of Consumer Protection, the Health Education and Advocacy Unit was created in 1986 (Chapters 296 and 565, Acts of 1986). The Unit implements an educational and advocacy program enabling citizens to make informed choices in the health marketplace and participate in decisions concerning their health care.

The Unit helps people understand their health-care bills and third-party coverage, identify improper billing or coverage determinations, and report such problems to appropriate agencies, insurers, or providers. The Unit may refer concerns raised about health care to professional, licensing or disciplinary bodies. The Unit also may recommend to government officers and agencies measures to promote the interests of consumers in the health marketplace.

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT

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The Investigative Unit investigates all actions of unfair or deceptive trade practices.

CONTRACT LITIGATION DIVISION

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The Contract Litigation Division was formed in 1983. The Division represents State agencies, particularly the Departments of General Services and Transportation, and the University of Maryland System in litigation over disputes relating to State contracts and the award of State contracts under the State General Procurement Law. The Division advises agencies on procurement issues such as the structuring of procurement solicitations, drafting of contract provisions and procurement regulations, the proper formulation of State claims, and State response to contractor claims.

CRIMINAL APPEALS DIVISION

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The Criminal Appeals Division began in 1965 as the Criminal Division. By 1978, it had been reorganized as the Criminal Appeals and Correctional Litigation Division. It became the Criminal Appeals Division in 1986.

The Division represents State government in suits involving the criminal justice system. Advocating the State's position in written briefs and at oral argument, the Division handles all appeals in criminal cases in the Court of Special Appeals, the Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court. In federal court, the Division also represents the State on collateral review of State criminal convictions. The Division advises State's Attorneys and other law enforcement personnel on legal matters.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

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The Criminal Investigations Division was formed in 1982. The Division is authorized by the Governor to investigate and prosecute a broad range of criminal acts (Const., Art. V, sec. 3). The Division focuses on crimes by State employees, fraud against the State, multicounty frauds, public corruption, and criminal violations of State tax laws. The Division assists State's Attorneys when they need additional resources or special expertise in a complex criminal investigation.

MEDICAID FRAUD CONTROL UNIT

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The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit was organized in 1978. The Unit investigates and, where appropriate, prosecutes allegations of fraud by physicians, dentists, nursing homes, hospitals, pharmacies, and other health care providers receiving funds from the Maryland Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid). The Unit also investigates and prosecutes the abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults residing in Medicaid-funded facilities. Seventy-five percent of the operating funds of the Unit come from federal sources.

DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

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The Deputy Attorney General oversees the Legislative Office, and two divisions: Educational Affairs; and Securities. The Deputy Attorney General also oversees assistant attorneys general assigned to certain State government agencies.