



# Voters Know Welfare Fraud is a BIG Problem

STOP THE SCAM

1500-Voter Survey, October 2014, MOE +/- 4%

THEY'RE RIGHT.  
WELFARE SCAMS ARE WIDESPREAD AND COSTLY.

What percent of voters believe at least 10% of Medicaid spending is wasted due to fraud and abuse?

74%

### DID YOU KNOW:

Nationally, taxpayers spend \$420 billion every year on Medicaid for 60 million people.

What percent of voters believe at least 25% of all food stamp spending is wasted due to fraud and abuse?

54%

### DID YOU KNOW:

Nationally, taxpayers spend \$80 billion every year on food stamps for 48 million people.

### Why do you think welfare fraud and abuse is a problem?

- 44% It is a moral problem where people abuse the system at the expense of help for the truly needy
- 38% It reflects the government's inability to responsibly manage social programs
- 11% It is a fiscal issue straining government budgets and adding additional burdens to taxpayers
- 6% Don't know

**FACT: BETWEEN 5% AND 25% OF WELFARE SPENDING HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE WASTED OR FRAUDULENT**



In Pennsylvania, more than 160,000 individuals were fraudulently receiving Medicaid benefits, including a millionaire lottery winner.



In Massachusetts, Michael S. is receiving Medicaid benefits despite owning a 2011 BMW 550xi, a 2011 Audi R8 and a 2010 Toyota Land Rover.



In Illinois, more than 8,000 dead people, including those who died as early as 1989, were still enrolled in Medicaid. More than 300,000 people were found and removed from the program because they were no longer eligible.

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## The Proven Solution to End Welfare Fraud

STOP THE SCAM INITIATIVES ARE SAVING BUDGETS.

Illinois is expected to save approximately \$350 million every year through Stop the Scam E-Verification Best Practices.

Pennsylvania has saved nearly \$300 million in the first ten months its Stop the Scam initiative was in effect.

THE STOP THE SCAM SOLUTION IS

### EASY AS 1-2-3

#### 1 VERIFY

Enhanced data-matching technology that checks federal, state and commercial databases to confirm income, residency, identity, employment, citizenship status and more.

#### 2 MONITOR

Regular and automatic reviews of current welfare rolls screened against updates to databases to ensure welfare recipients are still eligible.

#### 3 PROSECUTE

Publicly prosecute individuals who knowingly abuse the welfare system to recover lost benefits, deter future abuse and change the culture of the welfare program.



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## Checklist

### Best Practices to Stop Welfare Fraud

	BEST PRACTICE	Is My State Doing This?
IDENTITY VERIFICATION	1 Verify and confirm identity of all applicants before granting benefits.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	2 Check a nationwide best-address and driver's license data source to verify individuals are residents of the state.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	3 Check a comprehensive public records database that identifies potential identity fraud or identify theft that can closely associate name, Social Security Number, date of birth, phone and address information.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	4 Check immigration status information maintained by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	5 Check death register information maintained by the Social Security Administration.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	6 Check prisoner information maintained by the Social Security Administration.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	7 Check national fleeing felon information maintained by the FBI.	<input type="checkbox"/>
EARNINGS & ASSESMENTS VERIFICATION	8 Check for unearned income with the IRS.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	9 Check employer quarterly reports of income and unemployment insurance payments.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	10 Check earned income information maintained by the Social Security Administration.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	11 Check wage reporting and similar information maintained by bordering states.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	12 Check earnings information maintained by the Social Security Administration in its Beneficiary and Earnings Data Exchange (BENDEX).	<input type="checkbox"/>
	13 Check earnings and pension information maintained by the Social Security Administration in its Beneficiary Earnings Exchange Record System (BEERS).	<input type="checkbox"/>
	14 Check employment information maintained by the state.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	15 Check employment information maintained by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in its National Directory of New Hires database.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	16 Check a database of all persons who currently hold a license, permit, or certificate from any state agency the cost of which exceeds \$500.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	17 Check income and employment information maintained by the state's and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Child Support Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>
	18 Check earnings and pension information maintained by the state.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	19 Check a nationwide public records data source of physical asset ownership; such as real property, automobiles, watercraft, aircraft and luxury vehicles, or any other vehicle.	<input type="checkbox"/>
ADDITIONAL BENEFITS VERIFICATION	20 Check public housing payment information maintained by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	21 Check child care services information maintained by the state.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	22 Check utility payments information maintained by the state under the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	23 Check emergency utility payment information maintained by the state or local entities.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	24 Check supplemental security income information maintained by the Social Security Administration in its SSI State Data Exchange (SDX) database.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	25 Check state veterans' benefits information against the federal Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS) database maintained by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	26 Check any existing real-time database of persons currently receiving benefits in other states, such as the National Accuracy Clearinghouse.	<input type="checkbox"/>