

Dear Mr. Medeiros,

Please see the attached, which is this Office's response to your request. If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA/PA Unit at 202-616-0307 for further assistance.

Thank you,
FOIA/PA Unit
Criminal Division
U.S. Department of Justice

To:
Christina Butler
Chief, FOIA/PA Unit
U.S. Department of Justice
Criminal Division
Washington, D.C. 20530

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Appeal - CRM-302199806

Re: Request for Complete Records on Connecticut Medicaid ABI Waiver Program and Appeal of DOJ Criminal Division's Routing and Administrative Closure

Dear Ms. Butler,

This letter is a formal, comprehensive appeal regarding the Department of Justice Criminal Division's routing and administrative closure of FOIA Request CRM-302199806 concerning the Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program. This appeal incorporates every applicable legal standard under FOIA and related federal requirements, ensuring DOJ meets its obligations for complete transparency, interagency coordination, and expeditious action. Given the significant public interest, federal oversight implications, and federal-state coordination necessary for this request, I request an immediate and exhaustive review with no procedural gaps or delays.

I. Background and Basis of Appeal

On November 6, 2024, I submitted a FOIA request concerning records related to Connecticut's Medicaid ABI Waiver Program, a program with critical federal oversight and substantial public health implications. The Criminal Division's initial response merely routed the request to the Civil Division and other agencies, administratively closing the request without providing a substantive decision or establishing clear interagency communication to ensure full compliance with FOIA requirements.

II. Comprehensive Legal Basis for the Appeal: DOJ's Mandatory Obligations Under FOIA and Federal Standards

1. DOJ's Obligations for Full Disclosure and Procedural Integrity Under 5 U.S.C. § 552

FOIA mandates every federal agency to respond with "prompt and comprehensive" disclosure unless explicitly exempt (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(3)(A)), and it requires agencies to coordinate and consult with other entities as needed to achieve a complete response, particularly when multiple departments may have relevant records (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B)(iii)). FOIA requires DOJ to exhaust all potential sources of responsive records within its custody before closing or routing a request elsewhere.

Argument: DOJ's Criminal Division cannot merely "route" and close the request. Instead, it must verify and exhaust all possible sources within DOJ, taking responsibility to ensure the request is fully processed within DOJ's divisions and in partnership with relevant federal agencies.

2. DOJ's Internal FOIA Regulation Mandates on Routing and Referral (28 C.F.R. § 16.4)

DOJ regulations under 28 C.F.R. § 16.4(d) require that routing and referrals are completed with efficiency and transparency, including the clear establishment of which division holds final custodial responsibility and ensuring continuity across all stages of the FOIA request's processing.

Argument: DOJ's Criminal Division's administrative closure, without establishing comprehensive follow-through or consulting the Civil Division, fails to meet this regulatory requirement. The Criminal Division must take further action to ensure transparency and clarity in response responsibility within DOJ and follow up with other agencies.

3. Expedited Processing Requirement Due to Compelling Public Interest (5 U.S.C. § 552(a) (6) (E))

FOIA requires expedited processing in instances of compelling public interest, where delayed disclosure may impact public health, government integrity, or individual rights. The Connecticut ABI Waiver Program has direct health impacts and substantial implications for public policy and disability rights, necessitating an expedited review.

Argument: DOJ has a duty to expedite the request's processing across all involved agencies and provide clear documentation of every step taken, particularly where it involves external entities like CMS and the Department of Labor. The response should demonstrate DOJ's proactive approach in expediting this request, including a record of consultations and anticipated response times from all relevant agencies.

4. Federal Requirements for Interagency Coordination and Transparency Under Executive Order 13392

Executive Order 13392 specifically mandates that all federal agencies improve transparency and streamline interagency FOIA processes, placing particular emphasis on interagency cooperation to achieve comprehensive disclosure.

Argument: DOJ must not rely solely on referrals; rather, it must initiate direct coordination with Joseph Tripline at CMS and Seema Nanda at the Department of Labor as suggested, actively managing interagency consultations and transparently communicating the status of each consultation. DOJ's own role as a leading agency compels it to manage this request with oversight and responsibility, ensuring no procedural delays or administrative gaps.

I. Explicit Appeal Grounds

Inadequate Compliance with FOIA's Mandates for Full Record Disclosure

The Criminal Division's routing and administrative closure bypassed necessary compliance measures under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a) (3). DOJ must verify and document every potential source within its divisions, including both the Criminal and Civil Divisions, as well as ensure the comprehensive retrieval of any responsive records held by other agencies.

Improper Routing and Closure Practices in Violation of DOJ Regulations

DOJ regulations (28 C.F.R. § 16.4) necessitate that routing and referrals are managed transparently, with a clear follow-up plan. This appeal demands that DOJ keep the request open and monitored until all potentially responsive documents are retrieved from DOJ, CMS, and the Department of Labor.

Compelling Public Interest Necessitating Expedited Review and Disclosure

The Connecticut ABI Waiver's role in Medicaid impacts public health, justifying expedited processing (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(E)). DOJ's Criminal Division has not properly addressed this need. DOJ must confirm that all consultations and actions for expedited review are documented, with no further administrative delays.

Public Right to Government Accountability and Program Transparency

DOJ has a duty to ensure comprehensive public access to information under FOIA, especially for programs impacting disability rights and Medicaid funds. The Criminal Division's administrative closure undermines this principle. DOJ must comply fully to demonstrate transparency in the ABI Waiver's federal oversight.

II. Requested Relief

Custodial Responsibility and Comprehensive Disclosure by DOJ Civil Division

DOJ's Civil Division, under Brian Flannigan, must take custodial responsibility for CRM-302199806, with clear confirmation of its role and actions taken to retrieve records across all DOJ divisions.

Expedited Processing Across Agencies with Full Record Disclosure

DOJ should prioritize full disclosure across DOJ, CMS, and the Department of Labor, with records of every intra- and interagency consultation. I request a clear timeline for response completion, ensuring that Joseph Tripline at CMS and Seema Nanda at the Department of Labor are consulted as necessary for CMS and Labor Department documents.

Ongoing Interagency Coordination to Fulfill FOIA Obligations

DOJ should proactively coordinate with CMS and the Department of Labor to fulfill its obligations. Each agency should provide prompt updates, with DOJ actively monitoring this interagency communication.

Formal Compliance Statement Affirming DOJ's Adherence to FOIA Standards

DOJ should issue a formal compliance statement confirming its adherence to FOIA procedural standards and transparency. This document should confirm DOJ's steps to avoid further administrative obstacles or delays.

In light of DOJ's legal responsibilities, FOIA procedural standards, and the public's right to transparency, this appeal requests DOJ's full compliance, interagency coordination, and expedited action. As a

whistleblower and advocate, I am committed to protecting the rights of Medicaid recipients impacted by the ABI Waiver Program and request DOJ's comprehensive cooperation.

Basic Accommodation Requirements for FOIA Requests

To Whom It May Concern,

I am submitting this formal request for ADA-compliant accommodations to ensure my full and equal access to all records and communications associated with my FOIA requests. Given my specific accessibility needs under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (42 U.S.C. § 12101) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794), I respectfully request that all communication, formatting, and processing adhere to the accommodations outlined below:

1. Email-Only Communication Requirement

Purpose: To ensure all communications are immediately accessible and that no delays occur due to inaccessible formats or alternative platforms.

Requirement: All responses, updates, and communications must be sent exclusively to my email address at AabiWR@live.com.

Prohibited Formats: Do not use physical mail, phone calls, portal-based communications, external links, or any communication platform outside of direct email.

2. Full Text Communication Within Email Body

Purpose: To streamline accessibility by reducing the need to open attachments or navigate complex document structures.

Requirement: Include the full text of each response within the body of the email whenever possible.

Attachments: Where attachments are required, ensure they are labeled and accessible in a format compatible with screen readers (e.g., properly structured PDFs).

3. Accessible and Clear Document Formatting

Purpose: To ensure documents are formatted for accessibility, allowing for efficient processing and review.

Requirement: Provide all documents in accessible electronic formats, such as screen reader-compatible PDFs. Attachments should be clearly labeled and organized to facilitate ease of navigation.

File Structure: Include a table of contents or index where appropriate, detailing each document's purpose and content for easy reference.

4. Complete and Transparent Documentation Without Redactions (Unless Required by Law)

Purpose: To ensure that records are fully accessible, understandable, and unredacted unless required by legal exemption.

Requirement: Provide all requested documents in full, without redactions unless legally mandated. If redactions are necessary, please:

Specify the legal exemption or statute applied.

Include a summary of the redacted material for transparency.

This ensures I can review the context and understand the record in its entirety.

5. Clear and Detailed Explanations for Any Denials

Purpose: To clarify the legal grounds for any denied records and ensure transparent compliance with FOIA standards.

Requirement: If any portion of my request is denied, include a detailed explanation for each denied item, citing the relevant legal statutes or exemptions applied.

6. Guidance for Complex Records

Purpose: To facilitate comprehension of records containing technical, legal, or specialized content.

Requirement: For records containing complex financial, legal, or medical terminology, provide a summary or simplified explanation to support accurate understanding.

7. Identification of FOIA Officer Handling My Request

Purpose: To ensure transparency in communication and provide a point of contact for clarification or follow-up.

Requirement: Provide the full name, title, and direct contact information of the FOIA Officer assigned to my request.

Note: While all communication should remain email-only, this information is necessary for record-keeping, transparency, and accountability.

8. Confirmation of Accommodation Application

Purpose: To ensure that all accommodations are applied consistently across all responses and communications.

Requirement: Confirm receipt of this request and explicitly acknowledge that each accommodation listed will be fully honored in all responses and future communications.

By ensuring these accommodations are applied, the agency can provide me with an accessible, clear, and legally compliant response process, enabling my full participation and understanding. I appreciate your attention to these requirements and look forward to your prompt confirmation that these accommodations will be upheld.

Thank you for ensuring compliance with these ADA accommodation standards.

Sincerely,

David Medeiros

ABI Resources

Email: AabiWR@live.com

U.S. Department of Justice

Criminal Division

Office of Enforcement Operations Washington, D.C. 20530

VIA Electronic Mail November 7, 2024

Mr. David Medeiros

263 Huntington Avenue

Boston, MA 02115

175671-59537232@requests.muckrock.com

Request No. CRM-302199806

Subject: Connecticut's Medicaid ABI Waiver Program

Dear Mr. Medeiros:

The Criminal Division acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act request dated November 6, 2024. Your request was received in this Office on November 6, 2024. In that request, you asked for access to records concerning the above-mentioned subject. Your request has been assigned file number CRM-302199806. You should refer to this number in any future correspondence with this Office.

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After carefully considering your request, this Office determined that your request is one for records maintained by another component of the U.S. Department of Justice. Hence, your misdirected request has been routed to the Civil Division for processing and a direct response to you. If you have any questions about the status of your routed request, you may contact the Civil Division at the following address:

Brian Flannigan Chief, FOIA and Privacy Office Civil Division Department of Justice Room 8314 1100 L Street, NW Washington, DC 20530-0001

Further, please be advised that this Office only processes records maintained by the Criminal Division. After carefully reviewing your request, I have determined that you are also seeking records maintained by the U.S. Department of Labor and Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. If you have not done so already, you may wish to submit a request to those agencies at the following addresses:

Joseph Tripline, FOIA Officer Freedom of Information Act Office Mail Stop C5-11-06 7500 Security Boulevard Baltimore, Maryland 21244

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Seema Nanda U.S. Department of Labor Office of the Solicitor of Labor 200 Constitution Ave NW Washington, DC 20210

Finally, for your information, the Federal Freedom of Information Act applies only to records maintained by federal agencies that are subject to the FOIA. Records that are maintained by state or local authorities are subject only to any records access laws that might be applicable to those states and localities. Accordingly, if you have not already done so, I suggest that you make a request for such records to the proper state or local authorities in accordance with the appropriate state or local records access law.

As there is no further action for this Office to take on your request, your request file is being administratively closed in this Office.

As to your request for expedited processing, your request is moot as this response has been issued within ten days of receipt of the request.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at the (202) 616-0307 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with the Criminal Division's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account on the following website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,
Christina Butler

Chief
FOIA/PA Unit

Appeal for Non-Compliance Under FOIA and ADA Regarding Medicaid Services for NPI 1962278119 and NPI 1023012345

From:

David Medeiros, Founder, ABI Resources

Date: November 21, 2024

To:

Christina Butler

Chief, FOIA/PA Unit

U.S. Department of Justice

Criminal Division

CC:

Office of the Governor, Connecticut: Ned Lamont

Connecticut U.S. Senators: Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy

Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS): Dr. Deidre S. Gifford, Commissioner

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, Administrator

U.S. Department of Justice: Merrick Garland, Attorney General

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS): Xavier Becerra, Secretary

Subject: FOIA Appeal for Records Pertaining to Medicaid Services for NPI 1962278119 and NPI 1023012345

Background and Basis of Appeal

On November 2, 2024, I submitted a FOIA request for records regarding Medicaid services associated with NPIs 1962278119 and 1023012345. This request was improperly routed by the DOJ Criminal Division without comprehensive action or interagency coordination, and no substantive response has been provided. This appeal challenges DOJ's handling of the request and demands immediate corrective actions.

Legal Basis for Appeal

FOIA Violations (5 U.S.C. § 552):

Failure to Provide a Substantive Response: The DOJ Criminal Division's administrative closure violates FOIA's requirement for prompt and comprehensive disclosure (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A)).

Failure to Coordinate Interagency Action: DOJ failed to fulfill its obligations under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B)(iii) to ensure coordination among federal agencies for responsive records.

Improper Routing Without Oversight: DOJ Criminal Division routed the request to other divisions without ensuring proper follow-up, violating 28 C.F.R. § 16.4.

ADA and Section 504 Violations:

Denial of ADA Accommodations: DOJ failed to meet its obligations under the ADA (42 U.S.C. § 12101) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. § 794) by not adhering to my explicit, non-negotiable accommodations.

Failure to Provide Accessible Formats: DOJ did not ensure all responses were screen-reader-compatible or sufficiently detailed for equitable access.

Constitutional Violations:

First Amendment: Non-compliance with FOIA obstructs my right to petition the government for information, violating the First Amendment.

Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments: The lack of transparency denies me due process in advocating for Medicaid program oversight.

Case Law Supporting Appeal:

U.S. DOJ v. Reporters Committee (1989): FOIA ensures transparency by mandating disclosure of government records.

Milner v. Department of the Navy (2011): Reinforces limited use of FOIA exemptions to ensure maximum disclosure.

Lane v. Brown (2014): Highlights the importance of ADA accommodations in ensuring equal access.

Unparalleled Non-Negotiable ADA Accommodations

MuckRock Platform, Only Communication:

All responses must be sent exclusively via MuckRock. Physical mail, phone calls, or portal-based communications are prohibited.

Direct Text in Body:

Include the full text of each response directly in the email body.

Accessible PDF Attachments:

Attachments must be screen-reader-compatible PDFs.

Simplified Summaries for Complex Records:

Summaries of technical, financial, or legal content must be provided to ensure comprehension.

Identification of Responsible Personnel:

Names, titles, and contact details of all FOIA officers or supervisory personnel handling this request must be included.

Detailed Justifications for Redactions or Denials:

Statutory exemptions must be clearly cited, and summaries of redacted content must be provided for transparency.

Expedited Processing:

Compliance must be expedited as mandated under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(E) and Executive Order 13392.

Requested Actions

Custodial Responsibility:

The DOJ Civil Division, under Brian Flannigan, must take full custodial responsibility for this request, ensuring all responsive records are retrieved and disclosed promptly.

Interagency Coordination:

DOJ must proactively coordinate with CMS, the Department of Labor, and any other relevant agencies to ensure comprehensive compliance.

Detailed Timeline for Completion:

DOJ must provide a timeline for record retrieval and response, including updates on interagency consultations.

Expedited Processing:

DOJ must prioritize this request and issue a final response immediately.

Formal Compliance Statement:

DOJ must confirm its adherence to FOIA, ADA, and Section 504 standards, including specific steps taken to avoid further procedural delays.

Systemic Impact of Non-Compliance

Erosion of Public Trust: DOJ's failure to comply undermines public confidence in federal transparency and accountability.

Precedent for Administrative Failure: Non-compliance sets a dangerous precedent for other FOIA and ADA requests, discouraging whistleblowers and undermining program oversight.

Immediate Public Harm: Delayed access to records impacts Medicaid recipients' rights, perpetuating inequities and systemic failures.

Escalation Plan

If DOJ fails to comply with this appeal, I will:

File a Formal Complaint with OGIS: Escalate the matter to the Office of Government Information Services for mediation.

Pursue Judicial Remedies: Seek injunctive relief and attorney fees in federal court under FOIA and ADA statutes.

Alert Congressional Oversight Committees: Notify federal oversight authorities of systemic failures in FOIA compliance.

Conclusion

This appeal represents a demand for DOJ's full compliance with FOIA, ADA, and constitutional obligations. Non-compliance will result in immediate escalation and judicial action to enforce accountability.

I look forward to DOJ's acknowledgment and a substantive response within 10 business days.

Sincerely,

David Medeiros

Founder, ABI Resources

The Office of Information Policy has received your FOIA Appeal. Please see the attached acknowledgment letter.

Federal Officials
Merrick B. Garland

Title: U.S. Attorney General
Contact: Department of Justice Contact Page
Kristen Clarke

Title: Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division
Contact: Civil Rights Division Contact Page
Xavier Becerra

Title: Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
Contact: HHS Contact Page
Chiquita Brooks-LaSure

Title: Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
Contact: CMS Contact Page
Lisa M. Gomez

Title: Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration
Contact: EBSA Contact Page
Michael E. Horowitz

Title: Inspector General, U.S. Department of Justice
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Ned Lamont

Title: Governor, State of Connecticut
Contact: Governor's Contact Page
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Title: Attorney General, State of Connecticut
Contact: Attorney General's Contact Page
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Title: Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)
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Manisha Juthani, MD

Title: Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Public Health
Contact: DPH Contact Page
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Title: Secretary, Connecticut Office of Policy and Management
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Congressional Oversight Committees
House Committee on Oversight and Accountability

Chair: James Comer (R-KY)
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Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Chair: Gary Peters (D-MI)
Contact: [Committee Contact Page](#)
House Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

Chair: Jamie Raskin (D-MD)
Contact: [Subcommittee Contact Page](#)
Senate Judiciary Committee

Chair: Dick Durbin (D-IL)
Contact: [Committee Contact Page](#)

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

Subject: FOIA Request for Records Pertaining to Medicaid Services for NPI 1962278119 and NPI 1023012345

To Whom It May Concern,

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) and the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq.), I am requesting access to records related to Medicaid services, contracts, financial transactions, referral practices, and regulatory compliance associated with the following National Provider Identifiers (NPIs):

NPI 1962278119

NPI 1023012345

This FOIA request is designed to support transparency, accountability, and public interest within Connecticut's Medicaid ABI Waiver Program. Below are the specific records requested from each department, including their individual responsibilities and contact information to facilitate processing.

Requested Records by Agency
Federal Agencies

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Sub-agency: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

Responsibilities: Oversees Medicaid program compliance, funding allocation, and adherence to federal standards.

Records to Request:

1. Funding Allocation and Compliance Reports: All records showing Medicaid funding allocations, reimbursements, and compliance reviews or audits for services under NPI 1962278119 and NPI 1023012345, from January 1, 2013, to present.
2. CMS-DSS Correspondence: Communications between CMS and the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) regarding services associated with the specified NPIs, including any directives or advisories on provider selection, compliance, and transparency.

Contact Information:

FOIA Officer, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Address: 7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop C2-21-15, Baltimore, MD 21244

Email: FOIA_Request@cms.hhs.gov

Phone: (410) 786-5353

U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)

Sub-agency: Civil Division, Fraud Section

Responsibilities: Investigates healthcare fraud, Medicaid fraud, and enforces anti-kickback statutes.

Records to Request:

1. Investigations and Case Files: Records of any DOJ investigations or case files concerning Medicaid fraud or potential kickbacks involving NPI 1962278119 and NPI 1023012345.

2. Legal Proceedings or Settlements: Documentation of any legal actions, settlements, or penalties issued in cases related to these NPIs.

Contact Information:

FOIA/PA Mail Referral Unit

Address: Department of Justice, Room 115, LOC Building, Washington, DC 20530-0001

Email: MRUFOIA.Requests@usdoj.gov

Phone: (202) 616-0307

U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)

Sub-agency: Wage and Hour Division

Responsibilities: Enforces labor laws, including wage standards, particularly for disabled individuals working under Medicaid.

Records to Request:

1. Wage and Hour Investigations: Documentation of wage and hour compliance audits, investigations, or complaints involving NPI 1962278119, focusing on any employment of Medicaid consumers at sub-minimum wages.
2. 14(c) Certification Records: Records of any 14(c) certificates issued to entities associated with NPI 1962278119, authorizing sub-minimum wage payments to disabled workers.

Contact Information:

FOIA Coordinator, Wage and Hour Division

Address: 200 Constitution Ave NW, Washington, DC 20210

Email: foiarequests@dol.gov

Phone: (202) 693-0052

Connecticut State Agencies

Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)

Responsibilities: Administers Connecticut's Medicaid program, including provider enrollment, consumer rights, and compliance with state and federal standards.

Records to Request:

1. Contracts and Agreements: All contracts, MOUs, and agreements involving Medicaid funds directed to services under NPI 1962278119 and NPI 1023012345. Include documents that outline any exclusivity arrangements, referral restrictions, or financial incentives.
2. Provider Selection and Referral Policies: Internal guidelines, rules, and criteria for provider referrals associated with these NPIs, including distribution data and referral logs showing consumer choice limitations.
3. FOIA Compliance and Transparency Logs: Copies of FOIA requests related to these NPIs, including responses, reasons for any denials, and policies on FOIA compliance.

Contact Information:

FOIA Officer, Department of Social Services

Address: 55 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105

Email: DSS.FOIA@ct.gov

Phone: (860) 424-4967

Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH)

Responsibilities: Regulates and licenses healthcare providers, enforcing standards for Medicaid providers and addressing consumer complaints.

Records to Request:

1. Licensing and Inspection Reports: Records of licensing applications, inspection reports, and compliance reviews for entities associated with NPI 1962278119 and NPI 1023012345.
2. Complaint and Investigation Records: Documentation of any consumer complaints, investigations, or violations recorded against these NPIs, especially regarding quality of care, housing conditions, or employment practices.

Contact Information:

FOIA Coordinator, Department of Public Health
Address: 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06134
Email: DPH.FOIA@ct.gov
Phone: (860) 509-8000

Connecticut Office of the Attorney General

Responsibilities: Investigates healthcare fraud, consumer protection issues, and enforces state laws against anti-competitive practices.

Records to Request:

1. Investigative Records and Legal Actions: Records of any investigations, inquiries, or legal actions related to Medicaid fraud, consumer rights violations, or monopolistic practices associated with NPI 1962278119 and NPI 1023012345.
2. Correspondence with DSS: Communications between the Attorney General's office and DSS concerning referrals, provider restrictions, or consumer complaints associated with these NPIs.

Contact Information:

Public Records Administrator, Office of the Attorney General
Address: 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106
Email: attorney.general@ct.gov
Phone: (860) 808-5318

Accommodation Requests

To ensure this FOIA request is processed accurately and meets my accessibility requirements, please adhere to the following accommodations. These accommodations are essential for my full participation in every aspect of this request:

Contact Requirement

1. All responses, updates, and communications must be sent exclusively via email to AabiWR@live.com. Do not use physical mail, phone calls, portal-based communications, external links, or any platform outside of direct email.
2. Format Requirement: Include the full text of each response within the body of the email, along with any attached documents. This ensures that all information is immediately accessible without requiring downloads or access to external sites, allowing me to fully participate and understand the content.

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understanding. This ensures that I have clear and complete access to all information.

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If any portion of this request is denied, include a clear, detailed explanation for each denied item, citing relevant legal statutes or exemptions. This clarity is essential to ensure I understand any limitations.

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7. Confirmation of Accommodations

Confirm receipt of this request, and explicitly acknowledge that each accommodation listed will be fully applied in all responses and communications.

Request for Expedited Processing of FOIA Request for Records Pertaining to Medicaid Services for NPI 1962278119 and NPI 1023012345

Pursuant to Federal Law and Connecticut FOIA Statutes, I am requesting expedited processing of this FOIA request due to the pressing public interest involved and the immediate impact on vulnerable Medicaid beneficiaries, as authorized under applicable legal provisions.

Request for Expedited Processing

Legal Basis: Under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(E), expedited processing is required when there is an "urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity." Additionally, Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-210(a) mandates prompt availability of public agency records, especially where issues directly impact public welfare and accountability.

Justification for Expedited Processing

Public Interest and Transparency: These records are crucial for public scrutiny of Medicaid spending, potential monopolistic practices, consumer choice limitations, and wage compliance within Connecticut's Medicaid ABI Waiver Program.

Immediate Impact on Vulnerable Populations: This request addresses policies that may limit autonomy, financial independence, and housing security for Medicaid beneficiaries, especially those with disabilities. Delays could harm these populations by preventing timely corrective action.

Compliance with FOIA Promptness Standards: Federal and Connecticut FOIA statutes require agencies to make records available "promptly." Any

refusal to expedite processing would contravene both the letter and intent of FOIA law.

Potential Financial and Legal Violations: Requested records may reveal misuse of Medicaid funds or improper labor practices. Immediate access is necessary for regulatory assessment.

Request for Immediate Acknowledgment: Please provide immediate, written acknowledgment of this expedited processing request. If expedited processing is denied, provide a written statement detailing the specific legal grounds for denial, in compliance with FOIA statutes.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources
215 Mountain Street
Willimantic, CT 06226
Email: AabiWR@live.com

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

DAVID MEDEIROS

Dear DAVID MEDEIROS,

You've successfully created a PAL account. You will receive another email with a link to create your password.

Username: 175669-94014372@requests.muckrock.com

Any previously submitted requests to DOL FOIA have been saved to your profile.

Regards,
DOL FOIA

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Click the link above to return to DOL FOIA PAL and create your new password.

Dear DAVID MEDEIROS,

The tracking number 2025-F-01651 has been assigned to the request you submitted. In all future correspondence regarding this request please reference the tracking number 2025-F-01651.

Regards,
DOL FOIA

To: Department of Labor FOIA Officer
Subject: Request for Basic Accommodations in FOIA Processing - Tracking
Number 2025-F-01651

Dear FOIA Officer,

Thank you for acknowledging my FOIA request and providing a tracking number. I would like to confirm my specific accommodation needs to ensure my request is processed with full accessibility, as outlined in my original submission. These accommodations are essential for my equal participation in this FOIA request.

Accommodation Requests:

Email-Only Communication: All responses, updates, and records must be sent exclusively via email to AabiWR@live.com. I request that no physical mail, portal-based communications, external links, or any platform outside of direct email be used.

Format Requirement: Please include the full text of each response within the body of the email, along with any attached documents. This ensures that all information is immediately accessible without requiring downloads or access to external sites.

Complete and Transparent Documentation: Provide all requested documents in full, without redactions unless legally required. For any necessary redactions, please cite the specific legal exemption or statute applied and include a summary to facilitate understanding.

Detailed Explanations for Any Denials: If any portion of this request is denied, please include a clear, detailed explanation for each denied item, citing relevant legal statutes or exemptions.

Guidance for Complex Records: For records containing complex financial, legal, or technical language, please include summaries or simplified explanations. This accommodation ensures that I can fully understand the information provided.

Identification of FOIA Officer Handling This Request: Please provide the full name, title, and direct contact information of the FOIA officer assigned to this request. This information is requested to ensure transparency and accountability.

Confirmation of Accommodations: Kindly confirm that each of these accommodations will be applied in all responses and communications for the entirety of this request.

Request for Expedited Processing Confirmation:

Please provide an update on the status of my request for expedited processing, as outlined in my initial submission. I appreciate your assistance in facilitating a timely review due to the urgent public interest involved.

Thank you for your attention to these accommodation needs, which ensure compliance with accessibility requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. I look forward to your confirmation and to receiving the requested records in the manner specified.

Sincerely,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources
Email: AabiWR@live.com
Tracking Number: 2025-F-01651

Appeal for FOIA Request #2025-F-01651 and ADA Accommodation Compliance
Date: November 19, 2024
To: FOIA Appeals Officer, U.S. Department of Labor
Subject: Comprehensive Appeal for FOIA Request #2025-F-01651, ADA
Accommodations Compliance, and Constitutional Law Violations

CC: Relevant State and Federal Agencies
Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS):

Head: Dr. Deidre S. Gifford, Commissioner
Contact: foia.dss@ct.gov
Connecticut Office of the Attorney General:

Head: William Tong, Attorney General
Contact: attorney.general@ct.gov
Connecticut General Assembly (CGA):

Head: Senator Martin M. Looney, President Pro Tempore of the Senate
Contact: foia@cga.ct.gov
Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM):

Head: Melissa McCaw, Secretary of OPM
Contact: opm.foia@ct.gov
Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH):

Head: Dr. Manisha Juthani, Commissioner
Contact: dph.foi@ct.gov
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS):

Head: Xavier Becerra, Secretary
Contact: HHS_FOIA@hhs.gov
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS):

Head: Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, Administrator
Contact: FOIA_Request@cms.hhs.gov
U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ):

Head: Merrick B. Garland, Attorney General
Contact: foia.requests@usdoj.gov
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD):

Head: Marcia L. Fudge, Secretary
Contact: foiarequests@hud.gov
U.S. Department of Labor (DOL):

Head: Julie Su, Acting Secretary
Contact: foiarequests@dol.gov
Federal Trade Commission (FTC):

Head: Alvaro M. Bedoya, Chair
Contact: FOIA@ftc.gov

Introduction

This appeal addresses the U.S. Department of Labor's failure to comply with federal FOIA requirements, its lack of adherence to ADA accommodation

mandates, and violations of my constitutional rights in handling FOIA Request #2025-F-01651. This appeal is submitted pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A)(i) (Freedom of Information Act) and constitutional guarantees under the First, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendments.

This is a formal demand for immediate corrective action to provide full access to the requested records, adherence to legal accommodations, and detailed accountability for failures to comply with statutory deadlines and constitutional mandates.

Non-Negotiable ADA Accommodations

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. § 794), I reiterate the following mandatory accommodations for my FOIA request:

MuckRock Platform, Only Communication:

All responses must be sent via the MuckRock platform. No phone calls, physical mail, password-protected portals, or external links are acceptable.

Direct Text in Body:

Substantive responses must be embedded within the email body for accessibility.

PDF Attachments for Documents:

Documents must be provided as clearly labeled, screen-reader-compatible PDFs.

Simplified Summaries for Complex Records:

Include summaries to ensure records are accessible and understandable.
Identification of Responsible Personnel:

Names, titles, and contact details of all individuals (FOIA officers and supervisory personnel) involved in processing this request must be provided.

Detailed Justifications for Redactions and Denials:

Any redactions or denials must include statutory citations, as mandated by 5 U.S.C. § 552(b).

Expedited Processing:

Processing must comply with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(E) and Executive Order 13392, which mandate timely responses for matters of public interest. Failure to comply with these accommodations constitutes a violation of federal law and discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

Constitutional Violations

First Amendment - Right to Petition the Government

Violation: By delaying responses and failing to honor accommodations, the Department of Labor has obstructed my right to petition for redress of grievances.

Fifth Amendment - Due Process Clause

Violation: Failure to provide a transparent, fair, and timely process violates my right to due process in accessing public records.

Fourteenth Amendment - Equal Protection Clause

Violation: The Department's refusal to accommodate my disability creates inequity in my access to government services, violating the principle of equal protection.

Legal Violations

Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552):

Violation:

Ignored expedited processing requirements under § 552(a)(6)(E).

Failed to provide records promptly as required by § 552(a)(3)(A).

Did not include statutory justifications for delays or redactions, violating § 552(b).

Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.):

Violation:

Refused to provide accommodations for my disability, contrary to Title II of the ADA.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. § 794):

Violation:

Discriminated against me by failing to ensure accessibility in the FOIA process.

Connecticut Freedom of Information Act (C.G.S. § 1-200 et seq.):

Violation:

Delayed response beyond statutory deadlines.

Specific Failures in FOIA Compliance

Failure to Provide Records:

Despite assigning tracking number #2025-F-01651, no records have been delivered. Requested records include:

Wage and hour investigations for NPI 1962278119 and NPI 1023012345.

14(c) certification records.

Compliance reports and case narratives.

Failure to Confirm Accommodations:

My specific accommodation requests have not been acknowledged, contrary to ADA and Rehabilitation Act mandates.

Failure to Identify FOIA Officer:

The Department has not provided the name, title, or contact details of the FOIA officer responsible for my request, undermining transparency.

Failure to Address Expedited Processing:

The Department has ignored my justified request for expedited processing.

Relief Requested

To resolve this appeal and restore compliance with legal obligations, I demand the following:

Immediate Release of Records:

Provide all requested records, including wage and hour investigations, compliance reports, and 14(c) certifications.

Confirmation of Accommodations:

Acknowledge and fully implement all listed accommodations.

Identification of FOIA Officer:

Provide the full name, title, and contact information of the responsible FOIA officer.

Expedited Processing Approval:

Process this request under expedited review standards due to its urgent public interest.

Fee Waiver Approval:

Confirm waiver of fees under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii) and C.G.S. § 1-212(d), as this request is made for public interest purposes.

Accountability for Delays:

Provide a detailed explanation of all delays, including a timeline of actions taken to fulfill this request.

Conclusion

This appeal highlights the Department's failures to adhere to statutory requirements, constitutional protections, and accommodation mandates. I urge the Department to take immediate corrective action to resolve these deficiencies and uphold its legal and ethical obligations.

Sincerely,

David Medeiros

Founder, ABI Resources

Email: AabiWR@live.com

Tracking Number: #2025-F-01651

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

Subject: FOIA Request for Records Pertaining to Medicaid Services for NPI 1962278119 and NPI 1023012345

To Whom It May Concern,

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) and the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq.), I am requesting access to records related to Medicaid services, contracts, financial transactions, referral practices, and regulatory compliance associated with the following National Provider Identifiers (NPIs):

NPI 1962278119

NPI 1023012345

This FOIA request is designed to support transparency, accountability, and public interest within Connecticut's Medicaid ABI Waiver Program. Below are the specific records requested from each department, including their individual responsibilities and contact information to facilitate processing.

Requested Records by Agency
Federal Agencies

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Sub-agency: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

Responsibilities: Oversees Medicaid program compliance, funding allocation, and adherence to federal standards.

Records to Request:

1. Funding Allocation and Compliance Reports: All records showing Medicaid funding allocations, reimbursements, and compliance reviews or audits for services under NPI 1962278119 and NPI 1023012345, from January 1, 2013, to present.
2. CMS-DSS Correspondence: Communications between CMS and the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) regarding services associated with the specified NPIs, including any directives or advisories on provider selection, compliance, and transparency.

Contact Information:

FOIA Officer, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Address: 7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop C2-21-15, Baltimore, MD 21244

Email: FOIA_Request@cms.hhs.gov

Phone: (410) 786-5353

U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)

Sub-agency: Civil Division, Fraud Section

Responsibilities: Investigates healthcare fraud, Medicaid fraud, and enforces anti-kickback statutes.

Records to Request:

1. Investigations and Case Files: Records of any DOJ investigations or case files concerning Medicaid fraud or potential kickbacks involving NPI 1962278119 and NPI 1023012345.

2. Legal Proceedings or Settlements: Documentation of any legal actions, settlements, or penalties issued in cases related to these NPIs.

Contact Information:

FOIA/PA Mail Referral Unit

Address: Department of Justice, Room 115, LOC Building, Washington, DC 20530-0001

Email: MRUFOIA.Requests@usdoj.gov

Phone: (202) 616-0307

U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)

Sub-agency: Wage and Hour Division

Responsibilities: Enforces labor laws, including wage standards, particularly for disabled individuals working under Medicaid.

Records to Request:

1. Wage and Hour Investigations: Documentation of wage and hour compliance audits, investigations, or complaints involving NPI 1962278119, focusing on any employment of Medicaid consumers at sub-minimum wages.
2. 14(c) Certification Records: Records of any 14(c) certificates issued to entities associated with NPI 1962278119, authorizing sub-minimum wage payments to disabled workers.

Contact Information:

FOIA Coordinator, Wage and Hour Division

Address: 200 Constitution Ave NW, Washington, DC 20210

Email: foiarequests@dol.gov

Phone: (202) 693-0052

Connecticut State Agencies

Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)

Responsibilities: Administers Connecticut's Medicaid program, including provider enrollment, consumer rights, and compliance with state and federal standards.

Records to Request:

1. Contracts and Agreements: All contracts, MOUs, and agreements involving Medicaid funds directed to services under NPI 1962278119 and NPI 1023012345. Include documents that outline any exclusivity arrangements, referral restrictions, or financial incentives.
2. Provider Selection and Referral Policies: Internal guidelines, rules, and criteria for provider referrals associated with these NPIs, including distribution data and referral logs showing consumer choice limitations.
3. FOIA Compliance and Transparency Logs: Copies of FOIA requests related to these NPIs, including responses, reasons for any denials, and policies on FOIA compliance.

Contact Information:

FOIA Officer, Department of Social Services

Address: 55 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105

Email: DSS.FOIA@ct.gov

Phone: (860) 424-4967

Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH)

Responsibilities: Regulates and licenses healthcare providers, enforcing standards for Medicaid providers and addressing consumer complaints.

Records to Request:

1. Licensing and Inspection Reports: Records of licensing applications, inspection reports, and compliance reviews for entities associated with NPI 1962278119 and NPI 1023012345.
2. Complaint and Investigation Records: Documentation of any consumer complaints, investigations, or violations recorded against these NPIs, especially regarding quality of care, housing conditions, or employment practices.

Contact Information:

FOIA Coordinator, Department of Public Health
Address: 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06134
Email: DPH.FOIA@ct.gov
Phone: (860) 509-8000

Connecticut Office of the Attorney General

Responsibilities: Investigates healthcare fraud, consumer protection issues, and enforces state laws against anti-competitive practices.

Records to Request:

1. Investigative Records and Legal Actions: Records of any investigations, inquiries, or legal actions related to Medicaid fraud, consumer rights violations, or monopolistic practices associated with NPI 1962278119 and NPI 1023012345.
2. Correspondence with DSS: Communications between the Attorney General's office and DSS concerning referrals, provider restrictions, or consumer complaints associated with these NPIs.

Contact Information:

Public Records Administrator, Office of the Attorney General
Address: 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106
Email: attorney.general@ct.gov
Phone: (860) 808-5318

Accommodation Requests

To ensure this FOIA request is processed accurately and meets my accessibility requirements, please adhere to the following accommodations. These accommodations are essential for my full participation in every aspect of this request:

Contact Requirement

1. All responses, updates, and communications must be sent exclusively via email to AabiWR@live.com. Do not use physical mail, phone calls, portal-based communications, external links, or any platform outside of direct email.
2. Format Requirement: Include the full text of each response within the body of the email, along with any attached documents. This ensures that all information is immediately accessible without requiring downloads or access to external sites, allowing me to fully participate and understand the content.

3. Complete and Transparent Documentation

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understanding. This ensures that I have clear and complete access to all information.

4. Detailed Explanations for Any Denials

If any portion of this request is denied, include a clear, detailed explanation for each denied item, citing relevant legal statutes or exemptions. This clarity is essential to ensure I understand any limitations.

5. Guidance for Complex Records

For records containing complex financial, legal, or medical language, please include summaries or simplified explanations. This accommodation ensures that I can accurately interpret and fully understand the information provided.

6. Identification of FOIA Officer Handling This Request

Provide the full name, title, and direct contact information of the FOIA officer assigned to my request. While communication must remain email-only, I request this information for records and transparency.

7. Confirmation of Accommodations

Confirm receipt of this request, and explicitly acknowledge that each accommodation listed will be fully applied in all responses and communications.

Request for Expedited Processing of FOIA Request for Records Pertaining to Medicaid Services for NPI 1962278119 and NPI 1023012345

Pursuant to Federal Law and Connecticut FOIA Statutes, I am requesting expedited processing of this FOIA request due to the pressing public interest involved and the immediate impact on vulnerable Medicaid beneficiaries, as authorized under applicable legal provisions.

Request for Expedited Processing

Legal Basis: Under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(E), expedited processing is required when there is an "urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity." Additionally, Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-210(a) mandates prompt availability of public agency records, especially where issues directly impact public welfare and accountability.

Justification for Expedited Processing

Public Interest and Transparency: These records are crucial for public scrutiny of Medicaid spending, potential monopolistic practices, consumer choice limitations, and wage compliance within Connecticut's Medicaid ABI Waiver Program.

Immediate Impact on Vulnerable Populations: This request addresses policies that may limit autonomy, financial independence, and housing security for Medicaid beneficiaries, especially those with disabilities. Delays could harm these populations by preventing timely corrective action.

Compliance with FOIA Promptness Standards: Federal and Connecticut FOIA statutes require agencies to make records available "promptly." Any

refusal to expedite processing would contravene both the letter and intent of FOIA law.

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Sincerely,
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Willimantic, CT 06226
Email: AabiWR@live.com

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In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

DAVID MEDEIROS

Hello David Medeiros:

In accordance with 29 CFR § 70.19, "...any FOIA request submitted electronically, by email, must be submitted to the Department's central FOIA mailbox at foiarequests@dol.gov<<mailto:foiarequests@dol.gov>>. FOIA requests sent electronically to any other email address will not be accepted."

The Department's collection of enforcement data is maintained and publicly available at Enforcement Data - U.S. Department of Labor (dol.gov)<<https://enforcedata.dol.gov/homePage.php>>. Please recommend you conduct a search of this website for all investigations made by WHD to assist you with specifying the investigative record(s) you seek. To facilitate for a quicker response, please identify the specific case identification number(s) sought and narrow the records to the Compliance Action Report (CAR) and the case narrative. The CAR provides a summary of the violations and monetary penalties (if applicable). The narrative is a detailed description of each step of the investigative process, any negotiations and discussions with the employer and/or their authorized representative, as well as findings and conclusions.

Please indicate the investigative Case IDs sought, advise if you agree to narrow the scope of the records to the CAR and narrative, and redirect your request foiarequests@dol.gov<<mailto:foiarequests@dol.gov>> for processing.

Sincerely,
Branch of Document Management

US Department of Labor/Wage and Hour Division | 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room S3016 | Washington, DC 20210 | Main 202.693.1004 | Fax: 202.693.0637

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To: Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division
Subject: FOIA Request for Records Pertaining to Medicaid Services for NPI
1962278119 and NPI 1023012345

To Whom It May Concern,

I am submitting this FOIA request in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) and the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq.). I am seeking access to records related to wage and hour investigations, 14(c) certification records, and any related documentation associated with the following National Provider Identifiers (NPIs): 1962278119 and 1023012345.

Accommodation Request

Due to accessibility requirements, I respectfully request that you forward this request to the Department's central FOIA mailbox (foiarequests@dol.gov) on my behalf, as specified in 29 CFR § 70.19. My needs prevent me from accessing separate mailboxes, and it is essential that I receive all communications and updates via a single point of contact. This accommodation ensures that I can track all responses and interact with your team as fully as possible.

FOIA Request Details

I appreciate your suggestion to identify specific case IDs; however, I currently do not have these numbers. Instead, I request that you conduct a broad search using the NPIs provided to locate relevant records. In line with your recommendations, I am agreeable to narrowing the scope to include the Compliance Action Report (CAR) and the case narrative for each investigation. These records should contain summaries of violations, findings, conclusions, and any related actions. Additionally, if other relevant records, such as policy correspondence or enforcement data, are available, please include them for a comprehensive response.

Background and Purpose

This FOIA request is submitted to promote transparency, accountability, and public interest regarding Medicaid services within Connecticut's ABI Waiver Program.

Thank you for your assistance in processing this request and for considering my accommodation needs. Please confirm receipt and status of processing at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources
Email: AabiWR@live.com

David Medeiros, requests must be made directly to
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prohibited from forwarding.

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Subject: FOIA Accommodation Appeal - Compliance with Accessibility and Transparency Requirements

To: FOIA Appeals Officer, U.S. Department of Labor

Email: foiaappeals@dol.gov (If you don't have a specific appeals contact, submit it to the general FOIA address and ask it be routed to the appeals officer.)

Dear FOIA Appeals Officer,

I am submitting this appeal regarding my FOIA request (reference: Medicaid Services for NPI 1962278119 and NPI 1023012345), initially addressed to the Wage and Hour Division on November 4, 2024. My request remains incomplete due to the following accommodation requirements not being met:

Specific Accommodations Not Provided

Identification of FOIA Officer: My original request clearly stated a need for the full name, title, and contact information of the FOIA officer handling my request. This information is crucial for transparency and accountability, and it aligns with my rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. This appeal seeks compliance with this specific request.

Confirmation of Accommodations: I requested written confirmation that all accommodations (email-only communication, accessible document formats, and simplified summaries) would be applied throughout this process. No such confirmation was received, and this lack of clarity impacts my ability to track and understand communications.

Justification for Appeal

As outlined in my initial request, these accommodations are essential for my ability to fully participate in this FOIA request process. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the ADA mandate equal access to information and accommodations for individuals with disabilities, especially when requesting public records. The agency's response does not meet these accessibility standards.

Requested Actions

Immediate Provision of FOIA Officer Contact Information: Please provide the full name, title, and contact information of the FOIA officer managing my request.

Written Confirmation of Accommodations: I request written acknowledgment that all accommodations listed in my initial FOIA request will be applied consistently. This includes confirmation that all documents will be provided in accessible formats, email-only communication, and simplified summaries for complex records.

Clarification on Forwarding Policy: Given the agency's statement that it cannot forward emails, I would appreciate guidance on ensuring my requests reach the correct department without compromising my accessibility needs.

Thank you for addressing these concerns promptly. My objective is to achieve equitable access to this information in compliance with federal law.

Sincerely,

David Medeiros

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Address: 215 Mountain Street, Willimantic, CT 06226