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OIG Finds DHHS Employee Defrauded the County

Rockville, Maryland – Montgomery County Maryland Inspector General Megan Davey Limarzi announced today the release of a new Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Memorandum of Investigation, *Misuse of County Time and Unauthorized Outside Employment by a DHHS Employee*, detailing the results of an OIG investigation into allegations that a Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) employee was seeing private clients during hours when they should have been working for the County. The investigation was predicated on a complaint to the OIG's hotline.

The investigation found that between July of 2024 and August of 2025 the employee spent 271.58 hours meeting with private clients while simultaneously being paid \$13,069.84 in County salary to perform their DHHS job. The investigation also found that the employee's outside employment had not been approved by the Ethics Commission, a violation of County law.

The County's Ethics Law requires employees who wish to engage in outside employment to first obtain approval from the Ethics Commission. Additionally, County personnel regulations require that employees devote all working hours to the performance of their official duties and take the appropriate leave to do otherwise.

In response to this investigation, the Deputy County Chief Administrative Officer (DCAO) provided that DHHS leadership was taking appropriate steps to seek recovery of the unjustly paid amount. The DCAO also reported that the employee was separating from County service on September 24, 2025. The results of the investigation were shared with the Montgomery County Ethics Commission and Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office for any additional appropriate action.

[Read the full report.](#)

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