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The slide features the NAMPI 2019 logo in the top left corner. The main title is centered in large, bold, blue capital letters: "WHICH IS A BETTER TOOL FOR COMBATTING BENEFICIARY FRAUD: CIVIL RECOUPMENT OR CRIMINAL CONVICTION?". Below the title, the text "TENNESSEE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL" is displayed in blue capital letters. A small illustration of the Atlanta skyline is located in the bottom right corner. The slide is decorated with blue and orange swooshes.

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OIG EMPLOYEES

Inspector General 2 Deputy Inspector Generals
Administrative Staff
Legal Staff 2 Attorneys & 2 legal secretaries
Investigators
including Nurses, Special Agents, Forensic Accountants, Intel Analyst
Fiscal Department



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T. C. A. § 71-5-2502

§ 71-5-2502. Office of inspector general

Currentness

There is created a division of state government which shall be known and designated as the office of inspector general. This division shall be located within the department of finance and administration and shall report directly to the commissioner of finance and administration. The office of inspector general shall be headed by an inspector general. The office of inspector general shall be separate and distinct from the TennCare bureau and the medicaid fraud control unit (MFCU).



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T.C.A. §71-5-2601(a)(1)(A)(iii) makes obtaining, or attempting to obtain, a controlled substance by deceiving a healthcare practitioner, or to obtain two prescriptions for a similar type of controlled substance within 30 days, while using TennCare to pay for the office visit or prescription a class D felony.

DRUG ABUSE HURTS

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE ON TENNCARE WHO IS:

- Selling or trading pills?
- Doctor Shopping (going to a lot of doctors or ERs to get pills)?
- Selling or filling fake prescriptions?

1-800-433-3982
TENNCARE.FRAUD@TN.GOV

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TENNCARE PROVIDES HEALTH COVERAGE FOR APPROXIMATELY 1.3 MILLION TENNESSEANS

- **20% OF THE STATE’S POPULATION**
- **50% OF TENNESSEE’S BIRTHS AND 50% OF ITS CHILDREN ARE COVERED BY TENNCARE**

Tennessee OIG Complaints	FY 2018	FY 2019
Tips Received	4,449	4,624
Cases Created	3,901	4,185
Cases Closed	3,662	3,881




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Case Types	FY 2018	FY 2019
Deceased	2	17
Drug Diversion	424	568
Drug Seeker	725	130
Other Insurance Available	177	58
Income/Unreported Assets	404	559
Ineligible Person using ID Card	66	72
Out of State	315	240
Transfer/Liquidation of Assets	3	2
Abusing ER	26	14
Provider	60	32
Other	81	94
Doctor Shopping	1,399	2,152
Prisoners/Jail Inmates	131	140
Child Not in the Home	88	107
Total	3,901	4,185



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CASE TYPE	RESTITUTION ORDERED	CONVICTIO NS	JUDICIAL DIVERSIONS
DRUG DIVERSION (SALE/FORGERY)	\$5,961.17	28	15
INCOME/UNDER REPORTED ASSETS	\$18,896.90	0	1
DR. SHOPPING/DRUG SEEKER/ABUSING ER	\$45,386.43	50	4
ID THEFT	\$7.85	3	0
OUT OF STATE	\$52,666.66	2	1
NURSING HOME	-	0	0
SPOUSE IN THE HOUSE	-	0	0
CHILD NOT IN HOME	\$40,338.99	3	0
ELIGIBILITY (ALL	\$246,032.64	5	4




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WHAT DOES CRIMINAL PURSUIT OF BENEFICIARY FRAUD CASES ENTAIL FOR YOUR PROGRAM?



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**WHAT DOES CIVIL PURSUIT OF BENEFICIARY FRAUD CASES
ENTAIL FOR YOUR PROGRAM?**



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**WHAT'S A SUCCESSFUL CASE RESOLUTION IN YOUR
PROGRAM? (CRIMINAL OR CIVIL)**




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WHAT CHALLENGES DO YOU FACE IN RESOLVING CASES SUCCESSFULLY, CRIMINALLY OR CIVILLY?



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QUESTIONS?



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THANK YOU!

