Preventing and Detecting Fraud

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Prioritizing High Risk Investigations

- High Risk Reports Compiled monthly
- Vendors are identified based on risk criteria
  - Examples of criteria
    - Large number of redemptions outside the vendor’s county
    - Large increase in volume over 6 month time period
- High Risk Vendors are prioritized by:
  - Redemption Amount
  - Peer Group
  - WIC High Risk Criteria
  - SNAP High Risk Status
- Covert Unit is responsible for initiating investigations on top 100
Joint Investigations

**Covert Unit**
- Compliance Buys
- Top 100 High Risk Vendors
- Refer all cases to Overt Unit

**Overt Unit**
- Regular monitoring
- Background Research
  - TLO
  - Secretary of State
  - Intel Database
  - STARS information
- Data Analysis
  - WIC Banking
  - SNAP Redemptions
Success Story

• Covert Unit attempted compliance buys
• Store would not accept their vouchers
• Referred to Overt Unit for further investigation
  – Background Research
  – Data Analysis
• Investigation resulted in referral to US Attorney
• Currently pending prosecution
## OIG Stats

July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2013

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