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**OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION FINDS OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID
EMPLOYEE IMPROPERLY SOLICITED A JOB FROM VENDOR**

Columbus, Ohio, April 25, 2019

The Office of the Ohio Inspector General issued a report of investigation today after investigating a complaint alleging that Thomas Dexter, Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) project manager 1, solicited employment opportunities from Sandata, a company doing business with ODM, for himself and his spouse.

The investigation discovered a string of emails between Dexter and Sandata representatives in which Dexter sought jobs from Sandata for himself and his wife. Sandata expressed concerns about Dexter's solicitations and possible conflict of interest because Dexter served as a project manager overseeing ODM's contract with Sandata.

The Office of the Ohio Inspector General concluded that Dexter violated ODM policies and found reasonable cause to believe that a wrongful act occurred based on Ohio Ethics Opinions which prohibit an employee from soliciting anything of value from a vendor and for using his authority to seek employment for a person related by marriage.

The Ohio Ethics Commission was consulted during the investigation and have since entered into a settlement agreement with Dexter.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2018-CA00015 is now available at:
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/investigations/2019investigations.aspx>

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