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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION FINDS OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID
EMPLOYEE CONDUCTED PERSONAL BUSINESS ON STATE TIME
Columbus, Ohio, January 24, 2019

The Ohio Inspector General issued a report of investigation today after being informed by the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) that Aristotle Mante, ODM Health Services policy specialist, may be working secondary jobs that he failed to report per ODM policy.

Investigators conducted a forensic review of Mante's state-issued computer and discovered 97 downloaded files related to Strayer University and Indiana Wesleyan University and nearly 200 logons to university websites that occurred during his ODM work day. In addition, Mante emailed faculty and students, responded to student questions, reviewed student assignments, posted student grades, and uploaded assignments while at work at ODM. Investigators subpoenaed and evaluated records from both universities and confirmed that Mante was being paid for his work as an adjunct professor.

The Office of the Inspector General found reasonable cause to believe that a wrongful act occurred based on violations of ODM policies requiring employees to report secondary employment and for engaging in activities for personal profit during paid work hours using state resources.

The report of investigation has been sent to the Columbus City Attorney and Ohio Ethics Commission for consideration.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2018-CA00029 is now available at:
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/investigations/2019investigations.aspx>

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