

National Background Check Program
State of Kentucky
Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Program Abstract

Kentucky's Office of Inspector General, the agency with clear authority to oversee and coordinate the *Nationwide Program for National and State Background Checks for Direct Patient Access Employees of Long Term Care Facilities and Providers*, is respectfully requesting federal grant funds for successful implementation. As required, Kentucky will be providing non-Federal funds at the required match rate. Collectively, the grant funds will be used to enhance protective measures intended to reduce the potential for abuse, neglect, or exploitation of residents or patients by adding FBI checks where only State checks are currently completed. The realization of this goal, in calendar years 2011-2013, will result in an increase in the number of employee disqualifications based on national FBI checks and strengthened partnerships with key stakeholders.

Specifically, the grant funds will be used to purchase necessary live scan equipment and implement the new background requirement statewide. Once collection sites are established through memorandum of agreements, long term care providers will be informed of the new program and monitored for compliance. Concurrent to grant implementation, legislation will be filed to secure additional state authority during the 2011 Session of the General Assembly.