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Good afternoon Ms. Hogan:

Thank you for your public records request, dated Saturday, September 21, 2024.

Pertaining to your request for records related to “Medicaid funds for Home Support benefit under Medicaid Waiver HCBS Program for benefit of [REDACTED], vulnerable adult age 53, of Essex Center, held allegedly ‘in Suspense Account’ according to Howard Center (DA) from January 12 or 15, 2024 through September 30, 2024” the Medicaid Fraud and Residential Abuse Unit (MFRAU) is not the custodian for these records. Please instead contact the Department for Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) as the records custodian. For information on making a public records request to DAIL, please visit their website, [here](#) or e-mail Hope Smith at [Hope.Smith@Vermont.gov](mailto:Hope.Smith@Vermont.gov).

Additionally, to the questions posed: “Where are these funds accounted for?” and “Who controls their release?” These are not, on their face, requests for existing documents and MFRAU cannot provide legal opinions to private citizens. However, there are many law firms and several nonprofits that may be able to help in this regard, including [Vermont Legal Aid](#), [the Vermont Bar Pro Bono & Low Bono Programs](#), and [Vermont Law School’s Legal Clinic](#).

To the extent you feel any records have been withheld in error, you may appeal to the Deputy Attorney General, Robert McDougall at: [AGO.PublicRecordsRequests@vermont.gov](mailto:AGO.PublicRecordsRequests@vermont.gov).

Sincerely,

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