

Examples of Past OPEGA Report Topics

| Year | Evaluation Topic | Evaluation Findings in Brief |
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| 2009 | MaineCare Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supplies (Full Report) – an assessment of systems to control and contain costs of durable medical equipment and medical supplies purchased through MaineCare | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measures for preventing and detecting excessive, unnecessary or inappropriate claims were found to need strengthening. \$115,900 in potential overpayments were identified in FY08 due to ineffective controls. An additional \$229,000 in potential overpayments were identified in FY09. 50 cases that presented risk of fraud or unnecessary expenditures were referred to DHHS’s Program Integrity Unit and Office of MaineCare Services for further investigation. |
| 2007 | Highway Fund Eligibility at the Department of Public Safety (Full Report) – an analysis of the select department activities to determine which are eligible to be funded by Highway Fund | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Absent an operational definition of Highway Fund eligibility, a persistent lack of certainty about which DPS activities are eligible was identified. OPEGA provided high and low estimates of the % of Highway Fund eligible activity in three primary DPS units—the State Police, the Bureau of Highway Safety, and DPS Administration—using a range of potential interpretations of Highway Fund eligibility. |
| 2011 | Maine Turnpike Authority (Full Report) – a broad evaluation of the Maine Turnpike Authority’s operations and management | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bond and toll decisions were found to be supported by a strong planning process. Some contracting practices and controls on expenditures were found to need improvement, including controls over sole sourcing of contracts and approval of travel and meal expenses. |
| 2014 | Follow-up Review of Health Care in the State Correctional System (Information Brief) – a limited scope review of medical files associated with 48 complaints filed about medical care received by individuals incarcerated in Maine correctional facilities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No systemic deficiencies were identified in vendor provision of services. Inaccurate information and disagreements over MDOC policy were identified as the primary causes of the complaints reviewed. |
| 2010 | Emergency Communications in Kennebec County (Full Report) – an evaluation of emergency communications in Kennebec County as a case study for those statewide | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fragmented nature of the emergency communications network in Kennebec County was found to present challenges. Quality and rate issues in Kennebec County’s emergency communications network were identified that needed to be addressed to optimize public safety. |
| 2020 | Maine Capital Investment Credit (Full Tax Evaluation Report) – an evaluation of the credit with a focus on its effectiveness | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MCIC was found to be a complex response to federal bonus depreciation, with some past versions having provided unequal benefits to in-state and multi-state businesses. The credit was found to be unlikely to significantly impact business investment decisions based, in part, on studies of federal bonus depreciation, which have found it provides, at most, a modest impact on such decisions. |