Inspector General

2026-0011-INVI-P — Allegations of Fraudulent Medical Documentation

On May 31, 2026, the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) Office of Inspector General (OIG) received an allegation that an AOC employee had submitted fraudulent medical excuses to justify unauthorized absences from work. OIG initiated an investigation into the alleged violations of AOC policy and potential violations of 18 U.S. Code § 287 false, fictitious, or fraudulent claims.

OIG's investigation found that between December 2025 and July 30, 2026, the employee submitted 31 separate medical excuses from various medical facilities, resulting in 56 missed workdays. The medical facilities had no record of the employee being seen or excused from work on any of the associated dates.

In an interview with the OIG, the employee admitted that they initially obtained false medical excuses from a receptionist at a medical office, then began copying, altering, and printing the medical excuse documents themself before submitting them to AOC management.

OIG's investigation identified sufficient evidence to substantiate administrative violations of the AOC's Standards of Conduct and Absence and Leave policies. OIG's investigative findings related to 18 U.S. Code § 287 were not presented to the United States Attorney's Office because AOC had taken steps to initiate administrative remedies, and the questioned absences were charged as Leave Without Pay, resulting in no monetary loss to the government.

Final Management Action: On August 25, 2026, OIG submitted the Report of Investigation to AOC management for any action deemed appropriate. The case is closed pending AOC management action.