New campaign focuses on protection of elderly

habilitation Services Secretary Phyllis Gilmore announced a new protection of adults who are vulnerable to abuse or neglect.

be targets for physical or financial abuse or neglect from caretakers. The department is responsible for

of abuse or neglect.

campaign recently that will focus on most vulnerable in our society are sion or isolation and new problems abused or taken advantage of," said Gilmore. "Our goal is to educate ... it from occurring.

Signs of adult abuse include for follow-up.

Department of Social and Re- receiving and investigating reports bruises, or other physical marks, saying someone hurt them, drastic "It's a tragedy that often times the loss in weight, increased deprespabying bills.

From July 1 to March 30 there Elderly or disabled adults can Kansans about the signs of abus and were 11, 154 reports of alleged what they can do to prevent or stop abuse, neglect or exploitation of an adult. Of those, 7,632 were assigned

In meetings earlier this year, the standing of the unique factors of wide while coordinating presentadepartment found many Kansans are not aware for adults who are susceptible to abuse or neglect. Through brochures, bookmarks and other printed material, as well as presentation to long-term care facilities, law enforcement, medical practitioners and county attorneys,

adults abuse and neglect.

"Our overall goal is for everyone to know they have a part in helping ensure our vulnerable adults are protected, that they get support and resources they need," Gilmore said.

the agency hopes to grow under- book marks and brochures state- Center at (800) 922-5330.

tions to raise awareness among various groups.

To request an Adult Protection Service presentation, call Leslie Huss, program manager at (785) 368-8105.

To report suspected abuse of an The campaign will distribute adult, call the Protection Report

Settlement money goes to state's general fund

More than \$560,000 in workers compensation insurance settlement money paid recently to the Kansas Insurance Department will be deposited into the state's general fund, Sandy Praeger, Commissioner of Insurance, announced today.

The settlement money comes from AIG, the national financial services company, as a result of a multi-stat market conduct examination. The examination by state regulators focused on allegations that AIG underreported its workers compensation insurance revenues.

By Kansas statutory law, insurance settlement money is regularly returned to the state general fund. "Underreporting of premium



revenues allowed AIG to pay less in taxes," said Commissioner Praeger. 'And since workers comp premiums are taxed at a higher rate than auto, liability and other types of insurance, the company gained an unfair competitive advantage."

Under the nationwide settlement, AIG will pay a total of \$146 million to the states.

Market conduct examinations in-

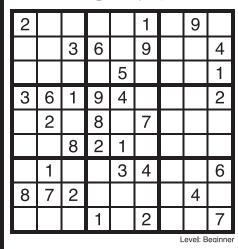
clude reviews of insurance company practices regarding treatment of policy holders the way premium rates are charged and the way the insurer handles claims. The AIG investigation

began in 2008. The Kansas Insurance Department, a fee-funded agency, contributed nearly \$143 million to the state general fund last year from premium fees and taxes paid by insurance companies. The department's annual operating budget also comes from insurance company fees and

taxes, not the state general fund.



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