

## Examples of Past OPEGA Report Topics

Year	Evaluation Topic	Evaluation Findings in Brief
2009	<b>MaineCare Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supplies (Full Report)</b> – 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"> <li>Measures for preventing and detecting excessive, unnecessary or inappropriate claims were found to need strengthening.</li> <li>\$115,900 in potential overpayments were identified in FY08 due to ineffective controls. An additional \$229,000 in potential overpayments were identified in FY09.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
2007	<b>Highway Fund Eligibility at the Department of Public Safety (Full Report)</b> – an analysis of the select department activities to determine which are eligible to be funded by Highway Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Absent an operational definition of Highway Fund eligibility, a persistent lack of certainty about which DPS activities are eligible was identified.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
2011	<b>Maine Turnpike Authority (Full Report)</b> – a broad evaluation of the Maine Turnpike Authority’s operations and management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bond and toll decisions were found to be supported by a strong planning process.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
2014	<b>Follow-up Review of Health Care in the State Correctional System (Information Brief)</b> – 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"> <li>No systemic deficiencies were identified in vendor provision of services.</li> <li>Inaccurate information and disagreements over MDOC policy were identified as the primary causes of the complaints reviewed.</li> </ul>
2010	<b>Emergency Communications in Kennebec County (Full Report)</b> – an evaluation of emergency communications in Kennebec County as a case study for those statewide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The fragmented nature of the emergency communications network in Kennebec County was found to present challenges.</li> <li>Quality and rate issues in Kennebec County’s emergency communications network were identified that needed to be addressed to optimize public safety.</li> </ul>
2020	<b>Maine Capital Investment Credit (Full Tax Evaluation Report)</b> – an evaluation of the credit with a focus on its effectiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>