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Fauci Still on Federal Payroll, Getting Taxpayer-funded Security Detail

Although he supposedly retired at the end of 2022, Dr. Anthony Fauci remains on the federal payroll and gets a taxpayer-funded security detail, reports investigative journalist [Jordan Schachtel](#).

“Fauci remains on staff at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) so that he maintains eligibility for a taxpayer-funded U.S. Marshals detail, which involves more than half a dozen agents on a full time detail,” Schachtel writes in his Substack newsletter, The Dossier.

In other words, despite widespread press reports to the contrary, the 82-year-old Fauci never retired.



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Then again, he never claimed he was going to retire. Quite the opposite: In an August [statement](#), he said that “in December” he would be “stepping down” from his various posts “to pursue the next chapter of [his] career.”

“While I am moving on from my current positions,” Fauci wrote, “I am not retiring. After more than 50 years of government service, I plan to pursue the next phase of my career while I still have so much energy and passion for my field.”

That “next phase” apparently still involves working in the federal health bureaucracy in some capacity. Fauci may no longer be the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), but his name remains in the internal directory of its parent agency, the NIH.

Why would Fauci choose to stay on Uncle Sam’s payroll instead of retiring with what would surely be a generous pension given his status, as of last year, as the highest-paid federal bureaucrat? Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine Professor [Dr. Marty Makary](#) reported last week that a “source close to the matter told [him] that the White House made the decision to keep Dr. Fauci employed by the government in order to keep his security detail of U.S. Marshals.”

Fauci, who vocally [supported](#) forcing people to be injected with dangerous, experimental Covid-19 vaccines, claims to have received death threats and thus to be deserving of a taxpayer-funded security detail. “However,” noted Schachtel, “this privilege is unique to Fauci, as it is not even afforded to most cabinet secretaries.”

Schachtel did the necessary legwork to verify that Fauci is indeed still employed by the NIH and getting his free security detail:

When reached by The Dossier, both the U.S. Marshals and the NIH refused to confirm or deny the fact that Fauci remains on the government payroll. However, The Dossier has independently confirmed that Fauci receives a security detail at the expense of the U.S.



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taxpayer, which confirms that he remains on the NIH roster. Though his duties are unclear, Fauci remains classified as an “employee” in the NIH directory.

It is also unclear exactly how much Fauci’s security detail is costing taxpayers, but according to Schachtel,

A full time protective detail is billed at over \$1 million per month, according to previous reporting on U.S. Marshals security costs. A large team of U.S. Marshals special agents have been detailed to Fauci for almost three years, meaning that he has incurred tens of millions of dollars in taxpayer-funded security costs.

Yes, a man who in 2021 pulled down [\\$456,000](#) and had a net worth of [\\$12.6 million](#) — up \$5 million in just two years — has to get taxpayers to pay for his protection against alleged death threats.

Of course, it’s possible that Fauci’s continued employment at the NIH is just par for the course at that agency. “Some staff at NIH are simply frustrated by the idea that [Fauci] is part of an inside network of legacy government players that are ‘taken care of’ by each other,” penned Makary. “If Dr. Fauci is still ‘on the books’ it would be in line with a pattern of older NIH scientists being shuffled around government at the end of their career.” Francis Collins, the 72-year-old former NIH director who conspired with Fauci to discredit the [Great Barrington Declaration](#), is also still employed by the feds and continues to have NIH lab access.

Whatever the reasons for Fauci’s continued employment, observed Makary, “given the tremendous distrust in health officials right now, it would be good for the public to have some transparency and clarity about who carries clout at NIAID today and what taxpayers are paying for.”



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