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Medicaid Fraud: Protect Your Tax Dollars

REPORT MEDICAID FRAUD

Michigan.gov/Fraud

855-MI-FRAUD
(855-643-7283)

Those who report fraud may be entitled to a reward if it leads to criminal or civil action by the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. The amount of the reward may be up to 10 percent of the amount recovered or a maximum of \$1,000 per case.



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Department of Attorney General
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800-242-2873

US Department of Health and Human Services
(Handles calls about Medicare and Medicaid)
800-HHS-TIPS (800-447-8411)

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Protect Your Tax Dollars from Medicaid Fraud



WHAT FRAUD LOOKS LIKE

Most providers who commit Medicaid fraud fall into one or more of the following categories:

- Billing for patients who did not really receive services.
- Billing for nonexistent patients or patients of other providers.
- Billing for a service and/or equipment that wasn't provided.
- Billing for items and services that the patient no longer needs.
- Overcharging for equipment or services.
- Billing for lengthy counseling sessions when only short sessions were needed.
- Concealing ownership or associations in a related company.
- Paying or accepting a "kickback" in exchange for a referral for new patients.
- Billing more than once for the same service.
- Billing for medical services that were actually provided by unlicensed personnel.
- Using false credentials such as diplomas, licenses or certifications.
- Ordering tests or prescriptions that the patient does not need.

WHY IT IS IMPORTANT

The Medicaid program is funded with both state and federal tax dollars. It is designed to pay for health care for low-income and vulnerable Michiganders (children, disabled and seniors) who need care. When people get benefits that they aren't authorized for, or when providers are paid for services that were not supplied, it wastes your tax dollars and takes services away from those who need them.

THINGS YOU CAN LOOK FOR

Recruiting Medicaid Patients: A recruiter offers cash or anything of value to entice him or her to undergo medical tests or other services with the intent to bill Medicaid for the services.

Explanation of Benefits: If you receive an Explanation of Benefits from Medicaid, read it carefully and tell the Office of Inspector General if you believe you did not receive the listed services.

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