

Provider Educational Series

Fraud & You

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Series objectives

- Provide workers' compensation overview and information on pertinent topics.
- Educate and support providers and their team.
- Increase provider knowledge of how the workers' compensation system works.

Special Investigations Overview



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SID Historical Statistics

- Established July 1993
- 119 statewide staff
- 133,252 – Allegations
- 5,733 – Criminal referrals
- 3,123 – Criminal convictions
- **\$2.2 billion saved**



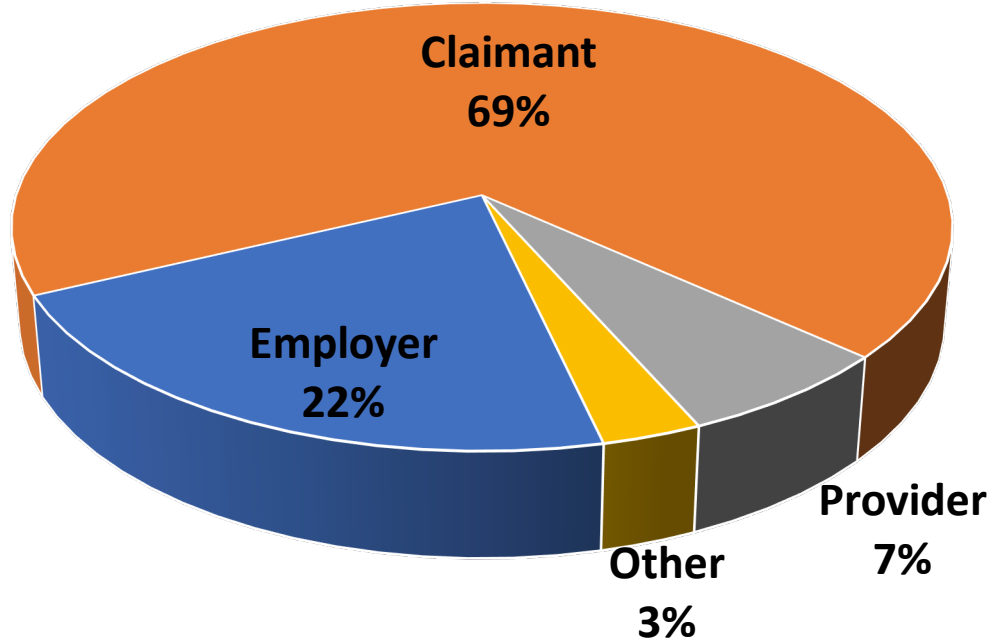
FY 22 SID Statistics

- 2,661 allegations
- 1,431 cases closed
- 123 criminal referrals
- 69 convictions
- \$90 million in savings
- \$7.02 return on expenditures

SID Structure



SID Closed Cases



Fraud vs. Abuse

Fraud

Punishable by law

Requires “knowledge and intent”

Overt act
(misrepresentation)

Intentional omission

Abuse

Excessive use or misuse of workers’ compensation benefits.

Abuse cannot be criminally prosecuted under the law.

Dealt with by effective case/claims management and civil/administrative remedies.

Ohio Revised Code 2913.48

Workers' Compensation Fraud

No person, with **purpose** to defraud or **knowing** that the person is facilitating a fraud, shall:

- Receive workers' compensation benefits to which the person is not entitled
- Make or present a false or misleading statement with the purpose to secure payment
- Alter, falsify, destroy, conceal, or remove any record or document necessary to validate a claim
- Misrepresent manual codes, classification of employees, payroll, etc.
- Alter or forge a BWC certificate or fail to maintain BWC coverage

Claimant Fraud

Types of cases

- Working while receiving benefits
- Physical activity
- False claims
- Drug deception



Red Flags

Claimants who appear at medical appointments wearing **work clothes** or have **dirty/calloused hands**.



Red Flags

Claimant appears at medical appointments or IC hearings in **stark contrast** to their daily activities.



Red Flags

Claimants are always a **no show** or have **limited availability** for exams and/or appointments.



Red Flags

Claimants' activity is **inconsistent** with their allowed conditions.



Red Flags

Claimants who report a **different** injury to their doctor **compared** to their First Report of Injury.



Red Flags

Individual's **social media** posts are in clear contrast to their **medical conditions**.



How You Can Help

- Assist SID Agents by reviewing evidence.
- You may receive a packet, or an in-person visit to review evidence collected.
- Document all conversations with the claimant.
- If you suspect workers' compensation fraud – report it.

Healthcare Fraud

Types of cases

- Services not rendered
- Upcoding
- Unbundling
- Double billing



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