

# BLOW THE WHISTLE ON MEDICAID FRAUD



Report fraud, waste, abuse, or criminal activities to your state's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU), Medicaid agency, or the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Office of Inspector General (HHS-OIG)

**1-800-HHS-TIPS (447-8477)**

**TTY 1-800-377-4950**



Medicaid fraud, waste, and abuse (FWA) occurs in many different forms. Below are examples of some common types of FWA. It is not intended to be a complete list. If you have any questions regarding FWA, contact the MFCU or Medicaid agency in your state or call HHS-OIG.

<b>Upcoding/Billing Fraud and Abuse</b>	Billing for services at a level of complexity that is higher than the service actually provided or documented, billing for services not provided, duplicate billing, or billing in ways inconsistent with sound financial management, professional standards, or payment/billing
<b>Services or Supplies Not Rendered</b>	Billing for services or supplies not provided to a beneficiary and/or not including appropriate documentation
<b>Kickbacks</b>	Soliciting or receiving remuneration (in kind or in cash) in return for referring individuals, goods, or services for which payment may be made under Federal healthcare programs
<b>Excluded individuals</b>	Employing or contracting with any excluded individual or entity for the provision of items or services that are reimbursable, directly or indirectly, by any Federal healthcare program
<b>Drug Diversion</b>	Illegally distributing, abusing, or unintentionally using prescription drugs
<b>Provider Identity Theft</b>	Billing for items or services using another Medicaid provider's number
<b>Patient Abuse/Neglect</b>	Abusing, neglecting, or exploiting Medicaid patients, including committing physical and mental abuse, withholding medically necessary services, or neglecting to provide appropriate or adequate quality of care
<b>Waste</b>	Over-utilizing Medicaid benefits, such as prescribing inappropriate or unnecessary drugs, medical equipment and supplies, or medical services