# BLOW THE WHISTLE
## ON MEDICAID FRAUD

**Report Medicaid fraud, waste or abuse to the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General**

**Toll Free:** **877-87-FRAUD**

**877-873-7283**

**Medicaid fraud is not a victimless crime and can occur along with waste and abuse in many different ways. Below are some examples of Medicaid fraud, waste, and abuse.**

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| **Medical Identity Theft** | Using another person's medical information to obtain money, items, or services. |
| **Upcoding/Unbundling** | Billing for services at a level of complexity that is higher than the service actually provided or documented, or using multiple codes for services covered by a single code. |
| **Services or Supplies Not Rendered** | Billing for services or supplies not provided to a beneficiary, services not documented correctly, or both. |
| **Kickbacks** | Soliciting or receiving remuneration (in kind or in cash) in return for referring individuals, goods, or services that may be paid under the Medicaid program. |
| **Excluded Individuals** | 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 health care and/or State Medicaid program. |
| **Drug Diversion** | Illegally prescribing, distributing, abusing, or overusing prescription drugs. |
| **Beneficiary Fraud** | Eligibility fraud, card sharing, doctor shopping, and drug diversion. |
| **Quality of Care/ Patient Abuse/ Neglect** | Abusing, neglecting, or exploiting Medicaid patients, including committing physical and mental abuse, withholding medically necessary services, or neglecting to provide appropriate or adequate care. |
| **General Fraud and Abuse** | Billing in ways inconsistent with sound financial management or professional standards; or payment/billing is fraudulent when done intentionally and abusive if unintentional. |
| **Waste** | Over utilizing Medicaid benefits, such as prescribing inappropriate or unnecessary drugs, medical equipment and supplies, or medical services. |

**If you suspect fraud or abuse, contact the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General**

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