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# **MEDICAID FRAUD CONTROL UNIT**

**OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

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LAW ENFORCEMENT  
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HEALTH OVERSIGHT  
AGENCY

**PROVIDER**

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**NOT** RECIPIENT



# Medicaid ~~Medicare~~

Medicaid is health care coverage for low income families & individuals

ND spends approximately \$1.5 billion a year on Medicaid programs

10-14% of ND population covered by Medicaid – 70,000 households & 125,000 individuals

More than 29,000 providers in ND

**Fraud per year nationally 1%-2% of Medicaid expenditures - or \$15 million per year in ND (1%)**



**Current  
Employees  
of MFCU**

- DIRECTOR/ATTORNEY
- 2 BCI AGENTS
- SENIOR AUDITOR
- NURSE AUDITOR
- ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

## When MFCU can investigate a case:

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- When there is billing fraud by a Medicaid provider
- If a Medicaid recipient is abused, neglected, or exploited financially AND there is a Medicaid nexus – Medicaid application, facility that accepts Medicaid
- If a provider, that accepts Medicaid payments, abuses, neglects, exploits, or harms a patient, whether that patient receives Medicaid or not



# TYPES OF INVESTIGATIONS

- Billing for services/medication not provided
- Billing for more than 24 hours in a day
- Not having documents/records to support the billing
- Billing while on vacation
- Billing a more expensive service than actually provided
- Billing for unlicensed professional care
- Billing for valueless services
- Abuse or neglect of patients (assaults, homicides, GSI, theft)
- Drug Diversion – Opioid Overprescribing

# MFCU STATS

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Cases can be civil or criminal – statewide jurisdiction

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**\$515,878.80 recovered – money ‘in hand’**  
\$882,815.25 total recoveries

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**State has spent \$343,991 – since MFCU began**

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140 TIPS – 20 major open cases – 10 per agent – bigger case load than other BCI agents

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Currently unable to take new cases



# MFCU NEEDS

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Attorney  
BCI Agent  
Paralegal



## 75% - 25% Split

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- 3 new positions will cost \$932,915
- Federal grant will pay \$699,686
- State will pay \$233,229





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