MEDICAID FRAUD CONTROL UNIT

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LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

HEALTH OVERSIGHT AGENCY

PROVIDER

NOT RECIPIENT

Medicaid Medicare

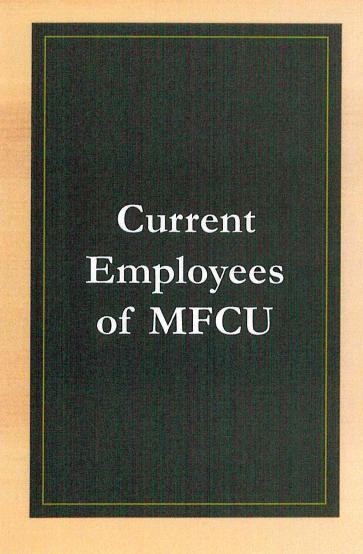
Medicaid is health care coverage for low income families & individuals

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

 $10^{\text{-}}14\%$ 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%)



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

When MFCU can investigate a case:

- 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

Cases can be civil or criminal – statewide jurisdiction

\$515,878.80 recovered – money 'in hand' \$882,815.25 total recoveries

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

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

Currently unable to take new cases

MFCU NEEDS

Attorney
BCI Agent
Paralegal





75% - 25% Split

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



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