

# REPORTING MEDICAID PROVIDER FRAUD

Abusing taxpayer dollars by submitting fraudulent Medicaid claims wastes valuable state resources that could be used to provide health care assistance to children and adults with legitimate needs. Medicaid fraud and abuse are aggressively examined by the Medicaid Fraud and Program Integrity Unit (MFPIU) within Health and Welfare. State and federal investigative agencies and prosecutors work closely with MFPIU to punish offenders and send a message of zero tolerance for fraud and abuse within the Medicaid program. Their objectives are two-fold:

- Identify billing errors that result in unnecessary loss of program dollars
- Investigate and prosecute offenders for filing false or fraudulent claims

The management of public programs impacts all taxpayers. Several ways are available to report fraud and abuse of taxpayer money:

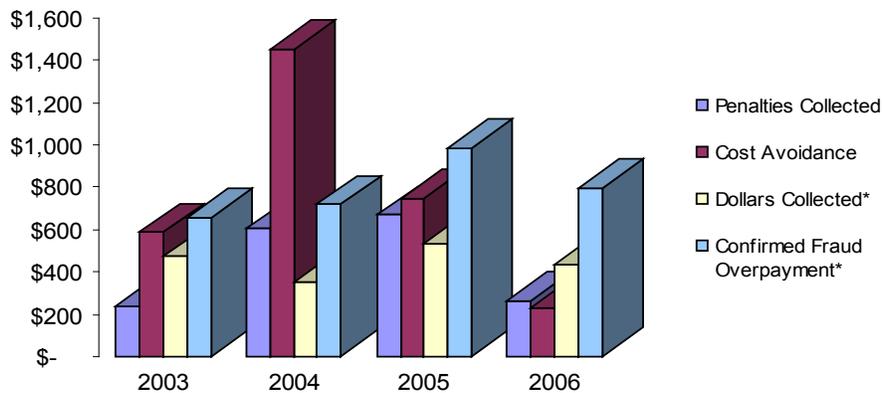
- Email a fraud complaint to: [prvfraud@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:prvfraud@dhw.idaho.gov)
- Call the 24-hour fraud hotline: 1-866-635-7515
- Download and complete a *Provider Fraud Complaint Form* from the Health and Welfare website, *Reporting Fraud and Abuse* link: <http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov>
  - Fax a complaint form to: 1-208-334-2026 or
  - Mail a complaint form to: Medicaid Fraud and Program Integrity Unit, P. O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0036

When filling out a form, provide as much detail as possible including a contact name, phone number, or email address so MFPI can request further information if needed. The ultimate goal is to make sure the allotted taxpayer money is being used for people who really need Medicaid assistance.

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Fiscal Years 2003 - 2006

(Dollars in thousands)



Data Source: Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Facts/Figures/Trends, 2006-2007

\*Some dollars collected are received from prior year cases. Cases which involve confirmed fraud overpayment are sent to collections for recovery of funds.