

Examples of and Penalties for Fraud and False Claims

Examples of fraud/false claims related to the attached policy include:

- Submitting a claim for a service that was not rendered or submitting a claim to multiple payers for the same service.
- Submitting an invoice for payment more than once.
- Reporting more hours on a time sheet than the employee worked.
- Submitting hours for times when the person served was hospitalized, in school, on vacation, out of state, or when the employee is not with him/her.
- Asking an employee to sign a blank timesheet.
- Signing someone else's name on a timesheet/claim form/billing form.
- Providing false information to the County to obtain or increase services.

Possible penalties and consequences include:

- Those who knowingly submit or cause another person or entity to submit false claims for payment of government funds are liable for three times the government's damages plus civil penalties of \$5,500 to \$11,000 per false claim.
- Disqualification from working in a Medicaid/Medicare funded job for 5 years
- Jail time
- Affect other job applications
- Affect immigration status
- Disqualification from Section VIII Housing
- More

If you see fraud, report it! If you suspect fraud, report it!

Call Janette Hughes, MRCI's Corporate Compliance Officer, at 1-800-829-7110, or call MRCI's Compliance Hotline at 1-866-280-9928.

MRCI will not take any disciplinary action or other types of retaliation against any employee who, in "good faith", reports a concern regarding fraud claims to the Corporate Compliance Officer or Compliance Hotline. "Good Faith" means that staff should be telling the truth, as they know it.

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