

IHSS Fraud

What is IHSS/Medi-Cal Fraud

In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) is a Medi-cal program. When you commit fraud against IHSS you are committing Medi-Cal fraud. Medi-Cal fraud is an intentional attempt by some providers, and in some cases recipients, to receive unauthorized payments or services from the program.

Examples of Fraud

- IHSS Providers claiming time not worked.
- IHSS Providers approving the timesheets on behalf of the recipient.
- Claiming time while recipient is in the hospital or in a skilled nursing facility.
- Subcontracting IHSS hours (providers paying someone else out of their paycheck to work for client)
- Claiming time for services not provided.
- Unreported death of IHSS recipient.
- IHSS recipient overstating needs or disabilities. (Falsely reporting inability to do an activity such as bathing or cooking to get more hours)
- Recipient and Provider splitting checks.
- Unreported people living in the home.
- Unreported marriage.

The Cost of Fraud

IHSS/Medi-Cal fraud costs taxpayers and honest providers millions of dollars every year. While the majority of IHSS providers follow proper program requirements, some attempt to defraud the program. The IHSS program is under review for cuts. To help prevent the cuts to the program and help protect yourself, it is important to report any fraudulent activities of which you may be aware.

How to Report

The caller may remain anonymous

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

530-528-4115

After hours and weekends

Call the Medi-Cal Fraud
Hotline

800-822-6222

