

Help CENCAL HEALTH

Stop Fraud, Waste and Abuse!



How to Report:

Call the toll-free 24-hour Hotline at (866) 775-3944. Callers may identify themselves or remain anonymous.

To send in writing, please click [HERE](#) and print and complete the *Suspected Fraud, Waste or Abuse Form*.

Send the Form by mail to:

CenCal Health
**Attention: Fraud Investigations-
Compliance Coordinator**
4050 Calle Real
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

*Please note the program this issue is about: Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, Healthy Kids, In-Home Supportive Services or Access for Infants and Mothers.

ATTENTION PROVIDERS! You are required to report incidents of fraud, waste and or abuse to CenCal Health within 10 days from the date of when you first became aware or were put on notice of such activity. If you suspect another provider of fraudulent activity such as upcoding claims or performing unnecessary services, please report this information. Please also report any CenCal Health member you suspect is committing fraud.

When Reporting Fraud, Waste or Abuse please provide as much of the following information as possible:

- ✓ Name of person or persons suspected of committing fraud, waste or abuse. (First name, Last Name)
- ✓ Identifying information such as: Provider/Member name, address or telephone number.
- ✓ Description and Details of the suspected fraud waste or abuse: who, what, where, when, date and time of incident or incidents.
- ✓ Any documentation you may have which is related to the situation.
- ✓ Your name, telephone number (if you would like to be contacted), and address.

Healthcare Fraud, Waste and Abuse are defined as:

Fraud: An intentional deception or misrepresentation made by a person with the knowledge that the deception could result in some unauthorized benefit to himself or some other person. It includes any act that constitutes fraud under applicable Federal or State law (Title 42 CR 455.2; Welfare and Institutions Code 1403.1(i))

Waste: Over utilization of services (not caused by criminally negligent actions) and the misuse of resources.

Abuse: Provider practices that are inconsistent with sound fiscal, business, or medical practices, and result in an unnecessary cost to the Medicaid program or in reimbursement for services that are not Medically Necessary or that fail to meet professionally recognized standards for health care. It also includes recipient practices that result in unnecessary cost to the Medicaid program. (Title 42 CFR 455.2 and as further defined in Welfare and Institutions Code 14043.1(a))