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Announcements

- In addition to the report described below, a recently released OEIG investigation dealt with an Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) manager. In the course of investigating a sexual harassment complaint, the OEIG found that an IDOC manager had consistently not been forwarding harassment incident reports to the Office of Affirmative Action as required by IDOC policy. As discussed in the OEIG report, the Office of Affirmative Action can only be effective and know to investigate, if they are made aware of the incident reports filed with IDOC. OEIG Case No. 21-00397 is available on the OEIG website [here](#).

Fraudulent Use of Public Funds Is Unacceptable

The OEIG investigates State employees who assist or participate in the fraudulent use of public funds. At minimum, such conduct amounts to conduct unbecoming of a public employee and significantly undermines the public trust required of public employees.

In a recently released investigation, the OEIG examined allegations relating to a Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) employee's involvement with a chiropractor who billed the CTA's insurance plan for services. The OEIG learned, that during an investigation by the inspector general for Amtrak, Amtrak employees were found to have provided this chiropractor with their personally identifiable information in order for the chiropractor to bill Amtrak's insurance for services that the chiropractor did not actually provide. The chiropractor's license was suspended at the time of the investigation. The OEIG learned that CTA employees may have also been participating in this scheme.

The OEIG investigated whether a CTA bus operator connected with the chiropractor from the Amtrak investigation was also involved in this scheme. The CTA employee admitted that they and another CTA employee received "ridiculous" bills from the chiropractor for medical services charged to CTA's insurance, but never did anything to follow up the bills other than to accept the chiropractor's forgiveness of the bills. Instead, the bus operator began accepting money in exchange for referring other individuals to the chiropractor, including many CTA employees. Ultimately, the investigation revealed that the chiropractor submitted claims on behalf of 62 other CTA employees and their dependents, including 21 individuals who worked at the same garage as the bus operator. The majority were treated for the same or similar few conditions, and the chiropractor generally submitted claims reflecting he saw each person every day or every other day during several periods of time. The data also showed that the chiropractor claimed to have provided services to several employees on the same days and provided similar services to those other medical providers claimed to have provided the employees.

The OEIG concluded that the employee's acceptance of referral fees in the face of the chiropractor's fraudulent activity was conduct unbecoming of a CTA employee in violation of the CTA General Rule Book. The CTA agreed, and in response to the report worked with its insurance provider to develop enhanced fraud detection processes. Case No. 19-00385 is available on the OEIG website [here](#).