

Uninsured Employers' Fund

MISSION

The Uninsured Employers' Fund (UEF) strives to promptly pay awards ordered by the Workers' Compensation Commission in favor of injured workers against non-insured employers who default on payments, and to maintain an adequate fund balance from which to pay claims through the collection of applicable fines, assessments, and benefit recoveries.

VISION

A State that ensures that all injured workers awarded benefits by the Workers' Compensation Commission are promptly and correctly paid.

KEY GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Goal 1. To efficiently investigate and defend and monitor all designated non-insured cases.

Obj. 1.1 All new cases will be promptly reviewed, investigated, and prepared for legal defense as required.

Obj. 1.2 All claims will be monitored for investigation, coverage and activity for purposes of monitoring their status and insuring accurate processing and management.

Performance Measures	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Est.	2020 Est.
Number of claims filed	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	479	500	525
Number of investigations conducted	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	479	500	525
Number of claims where coverage is found	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	98	100	110
Number of claims were found to be responsible	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,172	1,100	1,125
Average number of open claims	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,270	1,200	1,200

Goal 2. To monitor awards and follow established procedures to ensure prompt payment to claimants and health care providers.

Obj. 2.1 By the use of active case monitoring, the agency will promptly initiate the appropriate benefit payments for each case following the determination of the Fund's legal obligation.

Goal 3. To track and collect fines, assessments, and awards benefits paid by the Fund, and to maintain the adequacy and integrity of the Fund balance.

Obj. 3.1 The agency seeks to maximize its collections from non-insured employers utilizing all legal processes including, as a last resort, Central Collections.

Obj. 3.2 To ensure that adequate funds are available from which to pay claims, the ratio of total Fund expenditures to total collections will remain less than 1:1. (Maryland law permits increasing the one percent permanency award assessment rate if required. Funds from this source are reliable as the payers are primarily insurance companies.)

Performance Measures	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Est.	2020 Est.
Number of cases resolved	480	436	370	430	992	430	425
Number of benefit payments made	3,414	4,102	3,740	4,114	2,250	3,758	2,175
Value of compensation and medical payments made	7,209,657	7,977,380	9,982,139	8,862,974	9,449,100	9,800,000	8,859,100
Agency operating expenditures	1,268,351	1,260,488	1,173,751	1,589,940	1,787,862	1,589,000	1,888,833
Total expenditures	8,478,008	9,237,868	11,155,890	10,452,914	11,236,962	11,389,000	10,747,933

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Dollar amount of assessments collected (\$)	8,380,848	8,389,731	8,725,988	7,589,375	9,586,116	8,100,000	8,800,000
Interest on fund balance	115,016	109,558	105,075	110,847	121,238	71,000	110,000
Recovery of benefit payments owed by uninsured employers	678,801	416,493	548,441	708,563	1,492,355	700,000	900,000
Total collections	9,174,665	8,915,782	9,379,504	8,408,785	11,199,709	8,871,000	9,810,000
Ratio of total expenditures to collections for the year	0.92:1	1.04:1	1.19:1	1.24:1	1.00:1	1.28:1	1.10:1