

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	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Est.	2025 Est.
Number of claims filed	483	570	462	511	391	440	480
Number of investigations conducted	483	570	462	511	391	440	480
Number of claims where coverage is found	168	170	183	207	190	200	220
Number of claims were found to be responsible	53	136	195	98	76	85	95
Average number of open claims	919	1,022	678	660	563	575	600

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	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Est.	2025 Est.
Number of cases resolved	556	425	600	659	613	625	650
Number of benefit payments made	2,425	2,600	1,984	11,616	1,694	1,750	1,850
Value of compensation and medical payments	8,772,756	8,784,084	8,225,106	5,648,907	4,925,642	5,000,000	5,200,000
¹ Agency operating expenditures	2,010,988	2,015,260	1,940,363	4,098,804	4,880,612	5,554,713	5,975,586
Total expenditures	10,783,744	10,799,344	10,165,469	9,747,711	9,806,254	10,554,713	11,175,586

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Dollar amount of assessments collected (\$)	8,501,406	9,927,746	10,948,564	9,035,789	7,264,077	7,500,000	8,500,000
Interest on fund balance	122,793	96,035	20,075	35,514	215,683	230,000	230,000
Recovery of benefit payments owed by uninsured	918,229	1,319,496	1,340,995	799,598	987,239	1,200,000	1,400,000
Total revenue	9,542,428	11,343,277	12,309,634	9,870,901	8,466,999	8,930,000	10,130,000
Ratio of total expenditures to total revenue for the year	1.13:1	0.95:1	0.83:1	0.99:1	0.16:1	0.18:1	0.10:1

NOTES

¹ This metric does not include funding for the third-party administrator contracts. These funds were categorized as non-budgeted prior to fiscal year 2022, but have been recategorized as special funds due to accounting changes.