

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	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Est.	2021 Est.
Number of claims filed	N/A	N/A	N/A	479	483	570	495
Number of investigations conducted	N/A	N/A	N/A	479	483	570	495
Number of claims where coverage is found	N/A	N/A	N/A	98	168	170	172
Number of claims were found to be responsible	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,172	53	136	59
Average number of open claims	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,270	919	1,022	1,025

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	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Est.	2021 Est.
Number of cases resolved	436	370	430	992	556	425	550
Number of benefit payments made	4,102	3,740	4,114	2,250	2,425	2,600	2,650
Value of compensation and medical payments made	7,977,380	9,982,139	8,862,974	9,449,100	8,772,756	11,200,756	11,300,000
Agency operating expenditures	1,260,488	1,173,751	1,589,940	1,787,862	2,010,988	1,955,641	2,066,404
Total expenditures	9,237,868	11,155,890	10,452,914	11,236,962	10,782,575	13,220,756	13,366,404

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Performance Measures	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Est.	2021 Est.
Dollar amount of assessments collected (\$)	8,389,731	8,725,988	7,589,375	9,586,116	8,501,406	8,800,000	9,200,000
Interest on fund balance	109,558	105,075	110,847	121,238	122,793	110,000	110,000
Recovery of benefit payments owed by uninsured employers	416,493	548,441	708,563	1,492,355	918,229	940,000	1,200,000
Total revenue	8,915,782	9,379,504	8,408,785	11,199,709	9,542,428	9,850,000	10,510,000
Ratio of total expenditures to total revenue for the year	1.04:1	1.19:1	1.24:1	1.00:1	1.13:1	1.34:1	1.27:1

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Program Description

The Uninsured Employers' Fund (UEF) reviews and investigates claims filed by employees or, in the case of death, by their dependents. If the employer does not pay what is due the claimant, the Fund will directly pay the compensation benefits and medical expenses, and attempt to recover all benefits paid plus certain assessments from the uninsured employer. The cost of administering the Uninsured Employers' Fund and providing benefits to the claimants is wholly specially funded, principally derived from assessments placed upon awards of compensation.

Appropriation Statement

	2019 Actual	2020 Appropriation	2021 Allowance
Number of Authorized Positions	13.00	13.00	13.00
01 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits	1,363,684	1,569,961	1,670,563
02 Technical and Special Fees	492	7,100	500
03 Communications	43,678	32,012	21,512
04 Travel	12,543	25,000	18,000
08 Contractual Services	434,657	161,619	189,174
09 Supplies and Materials	15,215	19,500	17,000
10 Equipment - Replacement	0	11,385	10,000
13 Fixed Charges	140,719	129,064	140,496
Total Operating Expenses	646,812	378,580	396,182
Total Expenditure	2,010,988	1,955,641	2,067,245
Special Fund Expenditure	2,010,988	1,955,641	2,067,245
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Special Fund Expenditure			
C96301 Uninsured Employers' Fund	2,010,988	1,955,641	2,067,245
Total	2,010,988	1,955,641	2,067,245

3 Year Position Summary

Classification Title	FY 2019 Positions	FY 2019 Expenditures	FY 2020 Positions	FY 2020 Appropriation	FY 2021 Positions	FY 2021 Allowance
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Admin Officer II	1.00	61,210	1.00	63,912	1.00	63,912
Admin Officer III	1.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
Admin Prog Mgr I	1.00	86,360	1.00	90,173	1.00	90,173
Admin Spec III	1.00	0	1.00	36,312	2.00	91,411
Administrative Mgr Senior I	1.00	84,229	1.00	87,947	1.00	87,947
Asst Attorney General VI	2.00	187,241	2.00	195,508	2.00	195,508
Asst Attorney General VII	2.00	197,873	2.00	206,608	2.00	206,608
Exec Dir Uninsured Employer Fund	1.00	116,291	1.00	121,429	1.00	121,429
Fiscal Accounts Technician II	1.00	0	1.00	34,174	1.00	34,174
MBR Uninsured Employers Fund	0.00	9,390	0.00	0	0.00	0
Office Secy III	1.00	46,511	1.00	48,564	0.00	0
Prgm Mgr IV	0.00	0	1.00	68,218	1.00	68,218
Principal Counsel	1.00	115,958	1.00	121,077	1.00	121,077
Total C96J0001	13.00	905,063	13.00	1,073,922	13.00	1,080,457