

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	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Est.	2022 Est.
Number of claims filed	N/A	N/A	479	483	570	495	600
Number of investigations conducted	N/A	N/A	479	483	570	495	600
Number of claims where coverage is found	N/A	N/A	98	168	170	172	216
Number of claims were found to be responsible	N/A	N/A	1,172	53	136	59	100
Average number of open claims	N/A	N/A	1,270	919	1,022	1,025	1,075

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	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Est.	2022 Est.
Number of cases resolved	370	430	992	556	425	550	600
Number of benefit payments made	3,740	4,114	2,250	2,425	2,600	2,650	2,900
Value of compensation and medical payments made	9,982,139	8,862,974	9,449,100	8,772,756	8,784,084	11,300,000	5,895,113
Agency operating expenditures	1,173,751	1,589,940	1,787,862	2,010,988	2,015,260	2,075,215	5,356,124
Total expenditures	11,155,890	10,452,914	11,236,962	10,783,744	10,799,344	13,375,215	11,251,237

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Performance Measures	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Est.	2022 Est.
Dollar amount of assessments collected (\$)	8,725,988	7,589,375	9,586,116	8,501,406	9,927,746	9,200,000	8,869,173
Interest on fund balance	105,075	110,847	121,238	122,793	96,035	110,000	109,638
Recovery of benefit payments owed by uninsured employers	548,441	708,563	1,492,355	918,229	1,319,496	1,200,000	1,060,326
Total revenue	9,379,504	8,408,785	11,199,709	9,542,428	11,343,277	10,510,000	10,039,137
Ratio of total expenditures to total revenue for the year	1.19:1	1.24:1	1.00:1	1.13:1	0.95:1	1.27:1	1.12:1

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C96J00.01 General Administration

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	2020 Actual	2021 Appropriation	2022 Allowance
Number of Authorized Positions	13.00	13.00	13.00
01 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits	1,438,340	1,678,533	1,618,690
02 Technical and Special Fees	492	500	3,321,000
03 Communications	43,678	21,512	21,508
04 Travel	14,368	18,000	15,825
08 Contractual Services	363,066	189,174	199,730
09 Supplies and Materials	15,215	17,000	17,000
10 Equipment - Replacement	0	10,000	10,000
13 Fixed Charges	140,101	140,496	139,996
Total Operating Expenses	576,428	396,182	404,059
Total Expenditure	2,015,260	2,075,215	5,343,749
Special Fund Expenditure	2,015,260	2,075,215	5,343,749
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Special Fund Expenditure			
C96301 Uninsured Employers' Fund	2,015,260	2,075,215	5,343,749
Total	2,015,260	2,075,215	5,343,749

3 Year Position Summary

Classification Title	FY 2020 Positions	FY 2020 Expenditures	FY 2021 Positions	FY 2021 Appropriation	FY 2022 Positions	FY 2022 Allowance
C96 - Uninsured Employers' Fund						
C96J0001 - General Administration						
Admin Officer II	1.00	61,210	1.00	64,552	1.00	64,552
Admin Prog Mgr I	1.00	86,360	1.00	91,075	1.00	91,075
Admin Spec III	1.00	0	2.00	92,326	2.00	92,326
Administrative Mgr Senior I	1.00	84,229	1.00	88,827	1.00	88,827
Asst Attorney General VI	2.00	187,241	2.00	197,465	2.00	197,465
Asst Attorney General VII	2.00	197,873	2.00	208,675	2.00	208,675
Exec Dir Uninsured Employer Fund	1.00	116,291	1.00	122,643	1.00	122,643
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	0.00	0	0.00	0
Prgm Mgr IV	1.00	0	1.00	68,901	1.00	68,901
Principal Counsel	1.00	115,958	1.00	122,288	1.00	122,288
Total C96J0001	13.00	905,063	13.00	1,090,926	13.00	1,090,926