


OALA Conference
Crime Prevention Through Leadership
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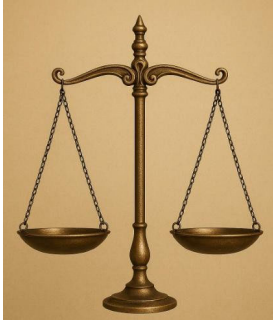


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What is Justice?



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MFCU Federal & State Authority



Title XIX of the Social Security Act...
 –Created Medicaid
 The 1977 Medicare/Medicaid Anti-Fraud and Abuse Amendment...
 –Created nationwide system of MFCUs
 42 U.S.C. 1396...
 –Authorized MFCUs to investigate Medicaid Fraud
 Federal Nursing Home Reform Act of 1987
 2012 Nursing Home Action Plan



109.85 O.R.C. authorizes the Ohio Attorney General to investigate Medicaid Fraud.

O.R.C. 109.86 authorizes OAG to investigate patient abuse/neglect.

O.R.C. 3721.18 authorized OAG to investigate alleged violations of chapter 3721

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Composition of Teams



Agents AAGs SAS	Nurse Analysts
3 Abuse Teams 6 Fraud Teams Intake Special Projects	Health Oversight Agency HIPAA Exempt Original Criminal Jurisdiction

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Partnerships



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Medicaid Provider Fraud Example

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Corporate Fraud

Heads in Beds Waiver

NEED - NURSING CARE

COVERUP - RECORDS FALSIFICATION

BUSINESS MODEL

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↓ COSTS

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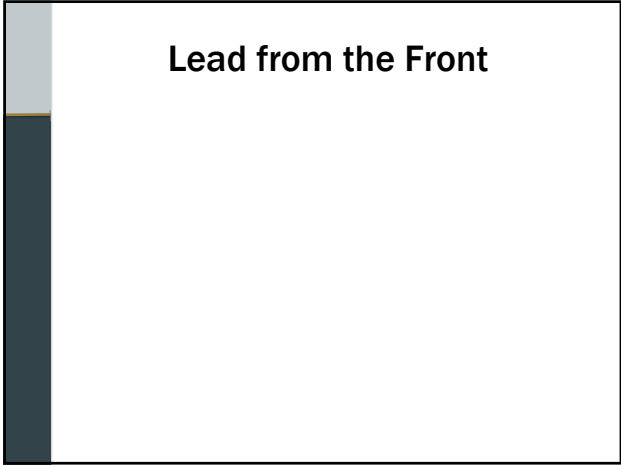
Corporate Fraud

Criminal

Civil

Administrative

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Lead from the Front

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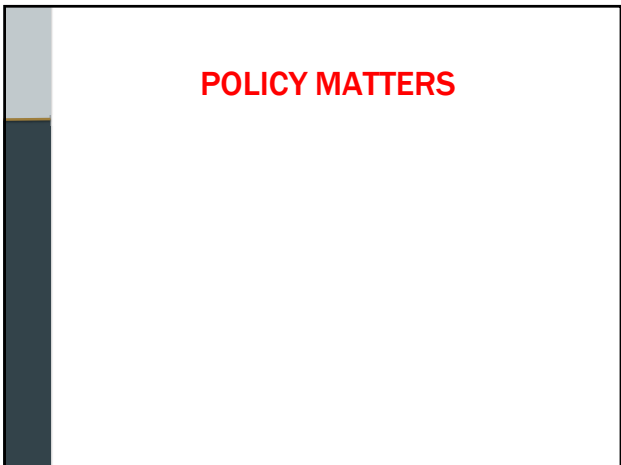
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Proactive Director

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POLICY MATTERS

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Whistleblower Statute

ORC § 3721.24 - Nursing Home & Residential Care Facilities

Coverage: Applies to employees, contractors, or residents of nursing homes or residential care facilities.

Protected Actions:

- Reports (in good faith) of suspected:
 - Abuse, neglect, exploitation, or property misappropriation of a resident;
 - Participation in investigations, hearings, or judicial or administrative proceedings

Prohibited Retaliation Includes:

- Discharging, demoting, transferring;
- Negative performance evaluations;
- Reduction in benefits, compensation, or privileges;
- Any action intended to retaliate

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Esther's Law - LTCFs

SB58, ORC 3721.60-68

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Cameras



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**Abuse
ORC 2903.33**

- Knowingly causing physical harm or recklessly causing serious physical harm to a person by physical contact or by the inappropriate use of physical or chemical restraint, medication, or isolation.

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Sexual Assault

- Access
- Patterns
- Grooming

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Neglect – ORC 2903.33

- Recklessly failing to provide necessary treatment, care, goods, or services to maintain health or safety, resulting in serious physical harm.



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Theft

- Theft of money
- Theft of property
 - Jewelry
 - Electronics

THEFT –
PROTECTED CLASS
FELONY
ENHANCEMENT
ORC 2913.02(B)(3)



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POA 

License to Steal

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Drug Diversion

- Additional charges
 - Neglect
 - Forgery/Falsification
 - Trafficking
- PRN Schemes
- Pharmacy Delivery
- Shift to Shift
- Wasting



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WHAT WOULD YOU DO?



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Contacting OAG

Health Care Fraud Section
Medicaid Fraud Control Unit
30 E. Broad St., 23rd Floor
Columbus, OH 43215
(614) 466-0722 or 800-252-0515
www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov
About AG>Service Divisions>Health Care Fraud>
Report Patient Abuse or Neglect



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