

UI Fraud Alert

Recently, a multi-state UI Fraud Operation has been uncovered, including Texas, Florida and Massachusetts. The scheme involved perpetrators stealing the identities of Individuals and using their personal information to make claims for benefits.. Corporate Cost Control urges all employers to closely monitor all communications regarding unemployment claims.

Here are the steps employers should take:

- Carefully review both new and outstanding claims for unemployment insurance. Watch for any claims made under the name of a person who is still employed at your company, or under a name with which you are not familiar.

Confirm with the employee that she or he has not filed a claim within the past six months.

- Clients of CCC should immediately report any potential fraud issues to their CCC Claims Analyst.
- Other employers who discover potentially fraudulent unemployment insurance claims should contact state officials immediately indicating the employee continues to work for your company. This is important to prevent unwarranted increases to your UI rate.

The following link can be used to identify the appropriate state contact:

<http://www.dol.gov/dol/maps/fraud.htm>

- CCC recommends you notify the employee and suggest that the employee contact the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and file a complaint (<http://www.ftc.gov/faq/consumer-protection/submit-consumer-complaint-ftc>) and request a free credit report.

CCC Clients should be assured that CCC is proactively protesting all such claims as well as notifying the appropriate state agency. CCC will also protest any and all charges received that are related to fraudulent claims.

CCC will continue to provide updates regarding fraud issues as more information becomes available.

For additional questions regarding this legislation or any other unemployment questions please contact Corporate Cost Control by calling (800) 207-6926 or via e-mail info@corporatecostcontrol.com