

# Workers Compensation in North Carolina

\_\_\_\_\_ Department of Social Services strongly believes that the vast majority of Work First participants will never submit a false workers compensation claim. However, workers compensation fraud happens in North Carolina and can have substantial costs.

A person commits workers' compensation fraud when, in reporting a claim, the person does not tell the truth, on purpose, to get benefits to which he or she is not entitled. This is important when it is related to whether benefits will be paid or the amounts of benefits to be paid.

- Filing a workers compensation claim for an injury that is known with certainty to be completely unrelated to the Work Experience or Community Service activities is considered fraud.
- Misleading or exaggerating one's current medical condition on purpose to receive workers' compensation benefits is considered fraud.

Making false statements for the purpose of getting workers' compensation benefits may result in civil and criminal penalties for the individual(s).

\_\_\_\_\_ Dept. of Social Services supports activities to prevent workers compensation fraud.

This letter is not intended to prevent the rightful use of the workers compensation system. **You should report any bodily injury that you believe is work-related to your work site supervisor at once.**

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