Social Service Contractors Indemnity Pool

Assessing Risk and Limiting Liabilities

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Don’t you have better things to do with your budget dollars?

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Context

• Information from the Social Service Contractors Indemnity Pool (SSCIP)
• Pool has credible data spanning 26+ years
• Data presented today is from 2009 forward
So Why is Loss Data Important to Me?

• Premiums! Premiums! Premiums!

• Underwriters look at:
  – Exposures, such as:
    • # and type of vehicles
    • Square footage/construction of buildings
    • Type of services provided
  – Loss Ratios (Loss Dollars ÷ Premium Dollars)
  – Loss trends (vs. single “shock losses”)
  – Loss control—what are you doing to reduce claims?
Claim Volume Breakdown: 2009 to 2013

- Auto: 1,422
- Property / Crime: 385
- GL*: 286

*GL includes professional, physical/sex abuse, employment, & premises claims
Claim Cost Breakdown: 2009 to 2013

- GL: $23.4 M
- Auto: $17.8 M
- Property / Crime: $4.8 M
Average Cost Per Claim:
2009 to 2013

- Auto: $12,511
- GL: $81,404
- Property/Crime: $12,351
Auto Claim Volume: 2009 to 2013

- Auto Property Damage: 890
- Auto Liability: 532
Auto Claim Dollars: 2009 to 2013

- Auto Liability: $15.8 M
- Auto Property Damage: $1.9 M
Average Cost Per Auto Claim

- $2,183
- $7,138
- $45,314
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- Failure to Yield
- IV Rear-Ended OV
- Collision - Other
- Pedestrian Collision
- OV Struck IV
- Client Loading/Unloading
- IV Hit Fixed Object/Parked Vehicle
Property/Crime Claim Dollars: 2009 to 2013

- Nature-Caused PD (Lightning/Wind/Rain, etc.): $2 M
- Human-Caused PD (Arson/Theft/Equipment Maintenance, etc.): $2.6 M
Human-Caused Property Loss Breakdown

- Theft: 122 incidents, $998,570
- Plumbing Leak/Freeze: 48 incidents, $801,761
- Vandalism: 24 incidents, $488,439
- Fire: 17 incidents, $816,729
- Other: 17 incidents, $67,249
- PD by OV: 12 incidents, $66,279
Average Cost Per Human-Caused Property Claim

- Theft: $3,956
- Plumbing Leak/Freeze: $4,004
- Vandalism: $5,523
- Fire: $16,703
- Other: $3,563
- PD by OV: $58,739
General Liability Claim Dollars: 2009 to 2013

- Professional: $18.5 M
- Physical/Sex Abuse: $2.7 M
- Employment: $1 M
- Premises: $356K
- Other: $800K

Percentage breakdown:
- 82%
- 10%
- 4%
- 2%
- 1%
Average Cost Per GL Claim

- Professional: $127,914
- Physical/Sexual Abuse: $28,558
- Premises: $24,263
- Employment: $7,278
- Other: $128,436

Total: $128,436
Professional Liability/Physical/Sexual Abuse Claim Causes

• Negligent hiring (lack of proper background checks)
• Negligent training (often due to frequent turnover, staffing shortages)
• Negligent supervision (creating opportunities for abuse/neglect)
• Accepting clients without full knowledge of background or with needs/issues beyond provider’s abilities/resources
• Lack of policies/procedures
• Failure to comply with existing policies/procedures
• Improper/incomplete documentation
SSCIP Loss Control Services

• Personal, direct member service
• Loss analysis
  – Historical data
  – Direct site & operational survey
• Policy facilitation and review
• Training for member/owners and member/staff
• Updating agents on loss control improvements
Auto Losses - Vehicle

• Safety inspections
  – All equipment is in good working condition (seat belts, lighting, tires, glass, etc.)
  – All legal documents are current and readily available (registration, safety certificates, etc.)
  – Conducted daily

• Repairs
  – Identified, documented and repaired timely by a certified professional

• Documentation
  – Accurate and accessible
Auto losses - Operators

- Member responsibilities
  - Background inquiry
    - Motor vehicle reports (MVR)
    - History of driver
    - SSCIP contracted provider
    - Legal requirements
  - Training
    - Statutes
    - Policies
    - In-service
    - Vehicle specific
Auto Losses – Operations

• Striking fixed objects
  – Pay attention
  – Familiarity with vehicles
  – Slow down

• Safe backing
  – Pay attention
  – Blind spots
  – Spotters

• Distracted driving
  – Pay attention
  – Texting & Calling
  – Expect the unexpected – have a plan
Facility Losses

• Crime
  – Building/Vehicle security
  – Data security
  – Staff / Consumer security

• Infrastructure (Plumbing, Electrical, Maintenance)
  – Registered contractors
  – Building codes have purpose (water pipes, electric connections, etc.)

• Fires
  – Cooking
  – Materials
  – Extinguishers
  – Escape plans
General Liability

• Personnel
  – Hiring practices
  – Background investigations
  – Previous employers

• Supervision
  – Policy understanding & enforcement
  – Safety, employment and loss control practices

• Staff and Consumer interactions
  – Accepting appropriate consumers
  – Conflicts
  – Loss control analysis and experience
Documentation

• Documentation is your best defense, if you let it be
  – Be honest
  – Satisfy the purpose of the report
  – Know your audience, who may be:
    • Attorneys suing you
    • Auditors determining the fitness of your program for qualifying funds
    • Potential consumers
    • Clinicians and health-care prescribers
    • Regulators

• Don’t be afraid to document your actions/practices
  – This also provides an internal review of practices
Mitigating Damages After a Loss

Mit-i-gate
Transitive Verb
1: to cause to become less harsh or hostile : mollify
2: to make less severe or painful : alleviate
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10. Fail to show compassion/sympathy for an injured party
Questions or Comments?