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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION FINDS OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS'  
COMPENSATION EMPLOYEE VIOLATED POLICY BY SPLITTING EMPLOYER REFUNDS  
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The Ohio Inspector General issued a report of investigation today after receiving a complaint from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (OBWC) alleging Accounts Receivable Manager Michelle Wedemeyer failed to comply with OBWC policy by splitting employer credit balance refunds into two separate amounts.

The Ohio Inspector General's investigation determined that Wedemeyer split employer credit refunds on approximately 50 occasions in order to avoid obtaining approval from the OBWC chief of Fiscal and Planning. The employer credit refunds were the result of employers' overpayments, premium audits, various OBWC program credits, and the annual true-up process. The investigation determined that Wedemeyer's actions violated OBWC's Administrator's Signatory Authority directive.

The report of investigation will be provided to the Ohio Auditor of State for review and consideration.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2017-CA00019 is now available at:  
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/investigations/2018investigations.aspx>

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