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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATES IMPROPER ACCESS OF CONFIDENTIAL PERSONAL INFORMATION BY OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION EMPLOYEE  
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The Ohio Inspector General has issued a report of investigation initiated after administrators at the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation alleged an employee had improperly accessed confidential personal information.

The inspector general found Cheryl Gatto, a claims service specialist in the Cincinnati office of the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, had accessed injured workers' claim files without authorization or a valid business reason more than 100 times. The investigation showed Gatto improperly accessed a substantial number of records to assist an individual with whom she was having a relationship. This individual was employed contemporaneously by a law firm representing injured workers, and a managed care organization representing employers, a perceived conflict of interest.

The report of investigation will be provided to the Hamilton County Prosecuting Attorney for consideration.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2013-CA00017 is now available at:  
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/Investigations/2016Investigations.aspx>

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