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Globally, medical insurance is pivotal in financing healthcare, significantly impacting the performance of healthcare systems. However, the effectiveness of this contribution is hindered by the pervasive issue of medical insurance fraud, which poses a serious challenge to cost-effective healthcare systems worldwide. Over recent years, medical insurance providers operating in Kenya have consistently reported dismal performance. An alarming 70 percent of medical insurance providers have sustained underwriting losses for a continuous period of more than five years. This chronic underperformance is primarily attributed to the persistent fraudulent activities plaguing these companies. The primary objective of this study was to evaluate the effects of fraud management strategies on the performance of medical insurance providers in Nairobi City County, Kenya. To achieve this, the study's specific objectives delved into investigating the influence of fraud prevention on medical insurance providers in Nairobi City County, Kenya. The study adopted a mixed research approach of both qualitative and quantitative research methods and employed a descriptive and explanatory research design, which is cross-sectional in nature. The target population consisted of 2891 employees from the 27 listed medical insurance providers operating across Nairobi City County in Kenya. The study's findings revealed a positive and significant influence of fraud prevention strategies on the performance of medical insurance providers. The study found that MIPs should strengthen internal controls and review existing processes to recognize vulnerabilities. This would mean implementing additional checks and balances to prevent similar fraud schemes in the future.

Key words: *Fraud Management, Medical Insurance, Insurance, Kenya*

1. Introduction

All over the World, medical insurance contributes to healthcare financing, which has a significant impact on the health system's performance (Thomson et al., 2020). However, this contribution is abated by medical insurance fraud, which is a serious issue challenging the performance of cost-effective healthcare systems globally. Institutions such as the National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association (NHCAA) and the National Health Service (NHS) report that fraud has caused significant losses of funds in hundreds of billions of dollars yearly in the world (Crain et al., 2017). Fraud threatens the sustainability of Medical Insurance Providers (MIPs) globally, negatively influencing their profitability, economic development, and social welfare of these companies. The 2007–2009 global financial predicaments were an outcome of a number of fraudulent activities in the MIPs alongside other insurers through the conniving of originators, securities issuers, and underwriters.

The medical insurance sector in Kenya has become prone to fraudulent activities that have caused remarkable deterioration in the providers' performance and, at worst, the collapse of some MIPs. The heightened levels of fraud are linked to technological developments that have undermined detecting and eradicating fraudulent activities. The medical insurance industry has repeatedly reported losses between 2016 and 2021, with the exception of 2020. The exceptional performance in 2020 was, however, largely attributed to the apprehension of visiting the hospital and the higher cases of COVID-19 infections that occurred during that time. For instance, between 2016 and 2018, the average underwriting loss averaged KShs. 792 million, with above 70 percent of the MIPs reporting perpetual underwriting losses (AKI, 2021b). Thomson et al. (2020) found that Kenya loses about KShs. 33 billion to insurance fraud related to the healthcare segment alone. These dismal performances have been attributed mainly to weak systems, medical fraud, and premium undercutting by insurance companies.

Medical Insurance Provider (MIP) is a segment of the broad Insurance sector in Kenya, which is generally guided by the (Insurance Regulatory Authority) IRA. According to IRA (2020), 27 MIPS had been licensed to operate in Kenyans in 2021. The MIPs are privately owned, as opposed to NHIF, which is government-sponsored (Flasher & Lamboy-Ruiz, 2018). The Kenyan insurance industry is divided into two segments: General insurance and life (Long-term) insurance. According to Insurance Regulatory Authority (2022), in the first half of 2022, general insurance continued to be the largest contributor to industry insurance premiums, accounting for 56.7% of total premiums. MIPs have largely witnessed losses before the COVID-19 period, with a majority recording an upward trajectory. The poor performance is primarily linked to fraudulent strategies and misconduct exhibited in the past few years (Fortune, 2018; Makey et al., 2020). These MIPs provide a number of services to patients, including inpatient and outpatient care, preventive, pediatric, prenatal services, and even mental health cases.

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Over the years, proper governance and fraud control have been the center of discussion for medical insurance providers and regulators due to rising insurance costs. This is accompanied by aggressive competition and pressure from banking institutions that are now also in the medical insurance business, providing financial options to the existing traditional insurance services (Kiprono & Ng'ang'a, 2018). Large organizations, at the same time, have more direct access to various healthcare services. The increasing number of fraudulent cases points to the need for fraud management strategies that could be implemented to drive the performance of the medical insurance providers in Nairobi County. Crain et al. (2019) explain that fraud negatively impacts profitability, ultimately leading to insolvency, and costs the reputation of insurance companies as well as consumer confidence. Li et al. (2022) reiterate that healthcare fraud is a major problem affecting not just the standard of care but has caused substantial financial losses. Healthcare insurance fraud overburdens organizations and drives up health insurance premiums.

2. Statement of the Problem

Globally, medical insurance providers are acknowledged for their contribution to healthcare financing and have a significant impact on the health system's performance. However, medical Insurance providers continue to report dismal performance over the years, and this has been attributed to incessant fraudulent activities witnessed in these companies. Medical insurance fraud takes different forms that ultimately manifest in the filing of fabricated medical claims (Gathu, 2018). According to insurance industry reports by the Association of Kenya Insurance (AKI), over 70 percent of insurance companies in Kenya have consistently posted underwriting losses under the medical insurance business. Other medical insurance providers have collapsed or been put under statutory management due to the inability to settle claims to the detriment of claimants and other stakeholders. Fraud threatens the sustainability of Medical Insurance Providers (MIPs) globally, negatively influencing their profitability, economic development, and social welfare of these companies. Nzivulu (2017) attributed the failure of fraud management strategies among medical insurance providers to the lack of elaborate systems to prevent, detect, and react to fraud. Although previous studies have been conducted on fraud risk strategies and performance. Hardly have the relevant studies focused on the universal performance of MIPs while employing fraud management strategies, and more explicitly, the effects of fraud management with a focus on fraud prevention. Thus, the study strived to fill these gaps by studying the impact of fraud prevention strategies on the performance of MIPs in Nairobi City County.

3. Study Objective

The objective of this study was to appraise the effect of fraud prevention strategies on the performance of medical insurance providers in Nairobi City County, Kenya.

4. Research Question

What is the effect of fraud prevention strategies on the performance of medical insurance providers in Nairobi City County, Kenya?

5. Literature Review

5.1 Theoretical Framework

5.1.1 Fraud Triangle Theory

According to Homer (2020), fraud is the deliberate act of deception by an employee in an organization to swindle funds for personal gain. Fraud Triangle Theory (FTT) explains conditions that must be present to cause an individual's involvement in fraudulent and unethical behaviours (Owusu-Oware et al., 2018). FTT highlights three conditions that drive an individual to indulge in fraudulent activity: perceived opportunity, incentive, and rationalization (Homer, 2020). FTT is demonstrated in the figure below as the lead theory.

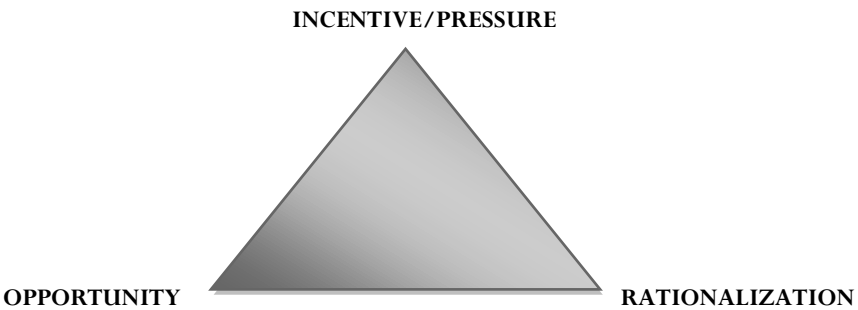

Figure 1: Fraud Triangle Theory
Source: Donald Cressy (1953)

This study is premised on the FTT as it believes that fraud management strategies employed in many organizations ought to rely on their distinct character that reflects their operations. FTT informs the choice of strategies responsible for continuously monitoring and controlling the strategy as being implemented in an organization, detecting and correcting any mismatch. Some standard methods can work in many entities but fail to thwart fraudulent activities (Owusu et al., 2021). The first condition is an incentive, which includes situational pressure induced by need and/or greed, such as financial stress, personal vices, and addictions. Incentive is always influenced by an individual's current situation as well as an entity's commitment to meeting people's needs. Another condition is the opportunity for fraud, such as deficiencies in internal control systems, ambiguity in policies on unacceptable behavior, flawed security systems in the MIP, or lack of proper leadership. Homer (2020) opined that a MIP should embrace adequate internal controls that spearhead the fraud management system so that perpetrators would not have the chance to commit fraud.

The conditions of the FTT must be there for fraud to be executed. Omitting any of these conditions from the triangle reduces the likelihood of these frauds occurring (Homer, 2020; Owusu et al., 2021). FTT is relevant to this study as strategies developed by MIPs to ensure fraud prevention can be used to locate susceptible areas of the department and employ preventive strategies that will bar fraudulent activities. Thus, the two fundamental objectives of fraud management strategies should be reducing the likelihood of fraud and minimizing the perpetrator's subjective motivation for the fraudulent action. In this regard, the postulates of fraud triangle theory can be used to explain the independent variable of fraud management strategies.

5.1.2 Resource-Based View Theory

The Resource-Based View (RBV) Theory advances an argument that to achieve higher organizational performance; companies should focus on their internal resources. The RBV first began with Edith Penrose when she published a book, "Theory of the Growth of the Firm" in 1959. The theory proposed that it is significant for organizations to examine their internal workings and build on knowledge creation, innovation, and growth. Birger Wernerfelt later advanced RBV in 1984, whose paper explored the value of analyzing firms from the resources side as opposed to the external environment. Zahra (2021) proposed RBV by basing success on internal resources, whereby an entity becomes competitive by reinforcing its intangible resources such as skills, processes, intellectual properties, and more. It is the use of these resources that increases the value of the organization above its peers. The first categorization of resources is whether they are tangible or intangible, displaying their heterogeneity. RBV uses four indicators to establish the capacity of the resources in the organization to provide a sustained competitive advantage. RBV holds that if a resource demonstrates value, rarity, imitability, and organization (VRIO) attributes, it enables the firm to have superior performance (Greve, 2021).

RBV suggests that a resource does not confer a firm any sustained advantage unless it is organized to capture the value of these resources of the company. The theory has been opposed because it focuses on a firm's internal context as the major deciding factor of its competitiveness and does not appreciate the critical components of the external environment, such as an effective management system that would positively affect the company's resources by eliminating any redundancies and wastages in the insurance providers (Greeve, 2021).

The RBV theory is fundamental to the present study as approaches and strategies employed by MIPs, such as distinct internal controls, are critical in generating and reinforcing innovative assets and competencies of the MIPs. The available resources at MIPs are important elements that depict their performance. The theory helps to understand how MIP's unique resources can be enhanced to detect and prevent fraud. MIPs have a significant task of recognizing, deploying, and managing core resources to maximize productivity. MIPs should embrace resources that emphasize the skills and knowledge that help detect and manage fraud in an entity. Insurance companies should also have unique policies and procedures that do not present opportunities to fraudsters who want to exploit them. Also, they should have resources that are distinctive and may not be easily imitated by their rivals in the medical insurance sector. RBV is a complementary theory to the lead FTT theory, and its postulates can be used to inform both independent and dependent variables of fraud prevention strategies and performance.

5.2 Empirical Review

Crain et al. (2017) studied fraud prevention, detection, and response and emphasized the aspects of corporate governance, risk issues, and fraud process controls. It was a longitudinal study stretching between 2006 and 2016. The study found that internal controls and a fraud reporting system positively influenced the performance of a company. The authors established that the assessment of fraud risks entails scrutiny of how the management and individual workers within the medical insurance entity handle the resources under their charge. The availability of incentives and opportunities are among the avenues that form the fraud triangle and are influenced by the insurance provider itself.

Consequently, fraud risk assessment and evaluation attempts should be extremely deliberate on how controls, processes, values, policies, and procedures interrelate with particular functions of the employees. The fraud risks that must be prevented could emerge externally or internally, particularly in extensively networked and data-reliant procedures. The findings revealed that insufficient research on fraud prevention has made organizations more vulnerable. Based on the concealed way fraudulent activities are hidden as crimes, it becomes challenging to implement effective fraud prevention measures. Longitudinal studies would need more financial input in comparison with cross-sectional studies.

Nzivulu (2018) studied "the effect of fraud management strategies on the profitability of insurance companies in Kenya." The study found out that the most acceptable fraud management practice began with prevention as a critical move to fraud response. The author recognized that fraud prevention is significant to MIPs globally and needs greater attention in the organization. The findings also demonstrated that fraud management strategies and policies in insurance organizations in Kenya are motivated by the urge to fulfill the ethical guidelines and the necessity of implementing regulatory and supervisory standards guiding the sector. Fraud is majorly done against medical schemes such as MIPs that challenge their fiscal viability as money is redirected from healthcare provision. Kenya is losing up to KShs. 33 billion to insurance fraud in the healthcare field because of collusion and unfavorable systems, constituting about 27 percent of the nation's health budget, which was KShs 121.1 billion in the financial year 2020/21. These alarming rates must send most MIPs in Kenya to the fraud prevention practice. Semi-structured interviews utilized in the study may not warrant the honesty of participants.

Clemente et al. (2018) examined Medicare and the Affordable Care Act by focusing on fraud regulation efforts and outcomes. The study aimed to establish how recent reforms specific to the law would influence Medicare fraud and abuse and to reveal the most appropriate approaches to deal with such fraud. The study analyzed the legislative restructurings, delivery framework modifications, and other reforms, such as the Patient Protection and Accountable Care Act, as specific variables to answer its research questions. The study's findings revealed that Medicare fraud needed multifaceted detection and prevention measures equitably to fight fraud among MIPs effectively. The authors also established fraudulent cases to include billing for nonexistent services, opting for costlier services and processes, enrolling in unwarranted medical treatment to generate insurance payments, involving non-covered to obtain insurance payments, and fabrication of patients' examination and treatment data. The study was a theoretical review and, therefore, did not have an experiential foundation.

6. Research Methodology

The study considered a descriptive and explanatory research design to investigate the variables. The design helps in understanding and explaining the general happenings of a study population and other field aspects (Ipfohen, 2020). A quantitative and qualitative research approach was utilized in the production and analysis of data collected to make sense of their responses concerning fraud management strategies and the performance of MIPs.

The target population of this study was the listed 27 MIPs. There are a total of 2891 employees within the listed MIPs (AKI, 2021). Sampling is the final section of a subsection of respondents or items from a statistical population, which is considered as the representative of the rest. The study utilized a stratified and convenience sampling technique, which can ensure a fair chance for all the expected participants from the MIPs.

The study used semi-structured questionnaires as the main data collection instrument to investigate the effects of fraud management strategies on the performance of Medical Insurance Providers (MIPs). A total of 97 questionnaires were circulated to possible respondents for self-administration after undergoing validation through a pilot test.

Qualitative data collected through semi-structured questions was subjected to content analysis for synthesis. In contrast, quantitative data from questionnaires was analyzed using descriptive and inferential statistics, allowing for evaluation and interpretation of the findings. Descriptive statistics encompassed measures of central tendency, including frequencies, means, and standard deviation for the assessment of each variable. The inferential analysis involved the interpretation of correlation and regression coefficients. The researcher utilized SPSS Version 26 to facilitate both descriptive and inferential analyses.

7. Research Findings and Discussion

7.1 Response Rate

The study targeted 97 potential respondents, consisting of employees from various Medical Insurance Providers (MIPs) based in Nairobi City County, Kenya. To facilitate data collection, the researcher adopted a drop-and-pick approach in addition to employing interactive Microsoft forms to engage the target respondents conveniently. A total of 97 questionnaires were distributed to the intended participants, who included managers, administrators, and employees associated with medical insurance services. The researcher received responses from 71 employees, representing a response rate of 73.20 percent, while 26 prospective respondents (28.80 percent) did not participate in the study.

The return rate was considered high and deemed sufficient for achieving the study's objectives as per the recommendation of Pandey and Pandey (2021); a 60 percent response rate is considered good, while a rate in excess of 70 percent is considered very well. The response rate is presented in Table 1.

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Table 1: Response rate

Response Rate	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Questionnaires Returned	71	73.20
Questionnaires not Returned	26	28.80
Total	**97**	**100**

Source: Survey Data, (2023)

7.2 Reliability Analysis

A pilot study was done on 14 participants from Jubilee Health Insurance Limited who was randomly picked. The pilot study was done to establish the reliability of the research tool. Reliability analysis was done by calculating Cronbach's alpha value, which showed the internal consistency of the variable items with respect to the similar construct they measured.

Table 2 below indicates the results of the reliability test as the organization performance having the highest Cronbach value (α= 0.747), implying the highest probability among the variables. Subsequently, there are the fraud prevention strategies at (α = 0.734). This determines that the chosen study variables were reliable as their Cronbach's values were above the recommended 0.7 threshold.

Table 2: Reliability Test

Scale	Cronbach's α	Number of items
Fraud prevention strategies	0.734	6
Organizational performance	0.747	3

Source: Survey Data, (2023)

7.3 Descriptive Statistics

The results presented in this section align with the study's objectives, which aim to assess the impact of fraud management strategies on the performance of MIPs in Nairobi City County, Kenya. The data was assessed using a scale ranging from 1 to 5, where 1 was strongly disagree, 2- disagree, 3-uncertain, 4-agree, and 5-strongly agree.

The study sought to understand the effect of fraud prevention strategies on the performance of MIPs in Nairobi City County, Kenya. From the study outcomes, most of the respondents were in concurrence with the existence of manual and IT-dependent control systems to prevent fraud, with a mean of 3.8732. This was followed by those who concurred that ethics existed and compliance programs that were designed to prevent fraud at a mean of 3.8143. The respondents also contended that MIPs have in place anti-fraud policies and procedures and that their leadership and governance structures supported fraud prevention with a mean of 3.8028 and 3.7324. Also, the respondents concurred that the organization has digitized its processes to prevent fraud, and it conducts periodic fraud awareness training, displaying a mean of 3.6338 and 3.5775, respectively.

Table 3: Descriptive Statistics on Fraud Prevention Strategies

Statement	Mean	Std. Dev.
The organization's leadership & governance structures support fraud prevention	3.7324	1.06848
The organization has digitized its processes to prevent fraud	3.6338	1.05883
There exist manual and IT-dependent control systems to prevent fraud	3.8732	.90915
The organization has established anti-fraud policies and procedures	3.8028	.98008
There are ethics and compliance programs designed to prevent fraud	3.8143	.88944
The organization conducts periodic fraud awareness training	3.5775	.98070
Aggregate Mean	**3.7390**	**.98111**

Source: Survey Data, (2023)

This implies that fraud prevention strategies influence the performance of MIPs in Nairobi City County. The aggregate mean of 3.7390 proved that a majority of the respondents were in concurrence that fraud prevention strategies influenced the performance of MIPs. The results agree with Crain et al.'s (2017) findings that determined that fraud prevention strategies affect the performance of MIPs. The standard deviations ranged from 0.88944 to 1.06848. The aggregate standard deviation of 0.98111 was relatively low for fraud prevention strategies. This demonstrated that the values, as suggested by the respondents, were closely packed around the mean. Therefore, the responses were relatively consistent as they agreed on fraud prevention strategies.

Thematic analysis is a widely used qualitative research method that involves identifying, analyzing, and reporting patterns (themes) within the data. Further comments were sought on fraud prevention strategies and their opinions regarding the subject. The first theme was prevention before occurrence. One of the respondents cited, "The number of cases of fraud will be reduced

through the application of fraud prevention strategies." Another indicated, "Prevention will contain risks and fraudulent activities before they even exist." The respondents acknowledged that prevention should be prioritized as opposed to response strategies when fraudulent cases have already occurred. Therefore, if the MIPs focus on prevention strategies, they can seal all loopholes that fraudsters can take up to infringe on resources at their disposal.

Another theme that was evident was staff awareness. Another respondent noted, "Assessment is a powerful proactive tool to prevent fraud," and "data sharing within the insurance industry helps to identify fraudsters." Therefore, it can be explained that staff awareness allows the management of the MIP to recognize vulnerabilities. Fabrikant et al. (2020) concurred that the managers and leadership of the MIPs need to understand their own weaknesses and be vigilant about situations that might trigger fraudulent behavior. Staff awareness helps employees understand their motivations, which can help deter fraudulent activities. One of the respondents alluded to the fact that there were ethical and legal implications to fraudulent actions.

Prediction of trends and adherence to underwriting policies were capitalized as aspects that could enable fraud prevention strategies. Respondents indicated "making use of claims data analytics to predict trends," "adherence to underwriting policies is a proactive way to prevent fraud," and "insurance companies should continually verify the credibility of intermediaries (brokers) and medical facilities." In his study, Yange (2019) determined that due diligence was ensured so that the management of the organization implemented adherence to policies and prevention strategies that would hinder fraudulent cases before their occurrence. This confirms the current study that overemphasized adhering to policies of risk assessment, consistency and fairness, verification of applicant-provided information, recognizing red flags, and compliance with regulations. Adherence to underwriting policies ensures compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. Likely, non-compliance will lead to legal consequences, making MIPs more diligent in following established policies to prevent fraud.

7.4 Inferential Statistics

7.4.1 Correlation Analysis

Correlation analysis refers to a statistical technique for assessing the strength and direction of the relationship between two quantitative variables within a study. The outcome of a correlation analysis is expressed as a correlation coefficient, quantifying the extent to which changes in one variable relate to changes in another. The correlation coefficient is assessed on a scale from -1 to +1, with +1 representing a perfect positive correlation, indicating an increase in one variable corresponds precisely to an increase in the other. To assess the correlation between the mean values of fraud prevention strategies and fraud response strategies, a correlation analysis was performed. The results of this analysis can be found in Table 4.

Table 4: Correlation Analysis

		Fraud Prevention Strategies
Fraud Prevention Strategies	Pearson Correlation	1
		.727**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	
	N	71

Source: Survey Data, (2023)

There existed a positive correlation between fraud detection strategies and fraud prevention strategies at 0.727. The high correlation suggests a possible connection between the independent variables and the performance of MIPs in Nairobi City County. However, it is key to be cautious not to make a determination of causation based solely on the high correlation results. Fraud response strategies correlated with the performance of MIPs at 0.520. Rayan (2018) proved a high positive correlation between the implementation of a proactive fraud response strategy and performance in terms of the accuracy of incentive payments by MIPs. Another correlation was determined between fraud response strategies and fraud prevention strategies at 0.201.

7.4.2 Regression Analysis

Regression analysis is a statistical method used to model the relationship between a dependent variable and independent variables (Tabachnick & Fidell, (2013). This technique is utilized for the purpose of predicting and explaining the behavior of a dependent variable based on the values of independent variables. In this study, a multiple linear regression analysis was conducted to examine the relationships among the variables. The data was processed and analyzed using the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS), which facilitated data coding, input, and computation for each variable. Through this analysis, the researcher aimed to gain insights into the linkage between the independent variables and performance, the individual impact of each independent variable on performance, and the identification of the most significant variables. The results are presented in the model summary, as shown in Table 5.

Table 5: Model Summary

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	.779[a]	.606	.247	.65814

a. Predictors: (Constant), Fraud management Strategies

Source: Survey Data, (2023)

Table 5 indicates the coefficient of determination. From the outcomes demonstrated above, it has been determined there is of a strong positive relationship between the study variables, as reflected by the value of 0.779. The R square is 0.606, which demonstrates that the three independent variables that were examined explained 60.6 percent of their influence on performance. Therefore, it implies that the other factors that had not been captured in the research contributed to 39.4 percent of performance. Such variables are very significant and may need to be incorporated to increase the performance of MIPs. Thus, the study recognizes the variables as core elements of performance. Furthermore, the highly low standard error of the estimated value of 0.65814 shows that the data associates smoothly with the regression line and continues to support the model's validity and reliability status. Therefore, the outcomes provide value determinations into the linkage between fraud management practices and the performance of MIPs in Nairobi City County, Kenya.

8. Conclusions

The studies objective was to appraise the effect of fraud prevention strategies on the performance of MIPs. The study had fraud prevention strategies as the first independent variable under investigation, which had leadership and governance structure, processes digitization, internal control systems, anti-fraud policies and practices, ethics and compliance programs, and fraud awareness training. The outcomes showed that fraud prevention strategies influence the performance of MIPs. Based on the regression analysis, with all factors remaining constant, 39 percent of the performance was explained by the fraud prevention strategies. Nonetheless, there is a need for the management of the MIPs to establish strong internal controls, strict access controls such as password policies and consistent updates, fraud risk evaluation, whistleblower hotlines, and compliance with regulations. Moreover, the top management of the MIPs should be actively involved and offer oversight of all the activities of their organizations. They should set a strong ethical tone and demonstrate a commitment to fraud prevention strategies.

On fraud prevention strategies, adherence to regulatory guidelines and compliance standards is non-negotiable. MIPs must stay updated with evolving regulations, ensuring their fraud prevention, detection, and response strategies align with legal requirements. Regular audits and assessments are necessary to confirm compliance. While combating fraud, ethical considerations should remain at the forefront. Balancing fraud prevention measures with customer privacy and data protection is crucial. Insurance providers must uphold ethical standards while implementing stringent anti-fraud strategies. Continuous training programs for employees, partners, and stakeholders are essential. Raising awareness about emerging fraud tactics and emphasizing ethical practices within the organization can empower staff to recognize and report potential fraud effectively.

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