



# The ROI of Modernizing TPA Claims Infrastructure

Outdated claims platforms come with hidden costs: slower cycle times, higher error rates, and missed opportunities for client satisfaction. By modernizing infrastructure, TPAs realize benefits such as:

- Faster claims resolution, leading to improved claimant experience and reduced litigation risk.
- Lower administrative costs by eliminating duplicate data entry and paper-heavy processes.
- Higher client retention through increased transparency and tailored reporting.

Modern systems transform claims from a cost center into a driver of efficiency and measurable ROI.

# Multi-Client Configuration: The Foundation of Scalable TPA Operations

Unlike insurers that serve a single book of business, TPAs must handle diverse clients with distinct rules, coverages, and compliance requirements. A system designed for multi-client configuration offers:

- · Secure data segregation for each client.
- Customizable workflows without rebuilding from scratch.
- Scalability to launch new programs quickly.

This flexibility ensures TPAs can grow without adding unnecessary complexity or risk.

# **Executive Summary**

Third-party administrators (TPAs) have always played a critical role in bridging the gap between insurers, self-insureds, and public entities. Yet, in today's environment of rising costs, complex regulations, and heightened client expectations, performance is the ultimate differentiator. Legacy claims systems, manual workflows, and disjointed communications no longer suffice.

This whitepaper explores how performance-driven TPAs can harness modern claims technology to deliver measurable impact: improved ROI, faster processing, stronger client relationships, and scalable operations. Drawing from realworld TPA challenges and solutions, we highlight key technology levers—from lowcode automation to Al-powered fraud detection—that allow TPAs to move from reactive administrators to proactive strategic partners.

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## **Automation Without Developers: Agility at Scale**

Historically, changing claims workflows required IT intervention—delaying updates and raising costs. Low-code/no-code claims platforms are changing the game. With drag-and-drop tools, business users can:

- Automate repetitive tasks such as FNOL intake or document routing.
- Configure workflows tailored to each client's needs.
- Respond quickly to regulatory or program changes.

The result is greater agility and responsiveness—a competitive advantage in the TPA market.

## **Integrated Communication: Enhancing Transparency and Trust**

Performance-driven TPAs understand that communication is at the heart of claims. Modern platforms integrate email, SMS, and client/claimant portals directly into the system, delivering:

- Real-time updates to claimants and clients.
- **Reduced back-and-forth** by centralizing all correspondence.
- Audit-ready communication trails for compliance.

By keeping stakeholders informed, TPAs strengthen trust and reduce friction.

## **Data-Driven Decision Making with Real-Time Analytics**

Clients demand insights, not just reports. Advanced dashboards and real-time reporting enable TPAs to:

- Track claim trends and identify emerging risks.
- Provide clients with **self-service access** to tailored dashboards.
- Use **predictive analytics** to anticipate claim costs and outcomes.

Data-driven decisions elevate TPAs from transaction processors to strategic advisors.

# **Boosting Subrogation Performance Through AI and Automation**

Subrogation is often overlooked but represents a significant recovery opportunity. Al-driven tools help TPAs:

- Flag recoverable claims earlier.
- Automate demand letter generation and follow-up tasks.
- Monitor recovery performance with dashboards.

These improvements reduce leakage, increase recoveries, and directly impact the bottom line.

# **Specialized Support for Public Entities**

Municipalities, school districts, and special districts face unique challenges: budget constraints, regulatory scrutiny, and high public visibility.

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TPAs serving these entities can differentiate by:

- Offering tailored reporting for boards and councils.
- Providing custom portals for transparency and oversight.
- Ensuring compliance with state-specific regulations.

Technology allows TPAs to win and retain business in this critical vertical.

#### Fraud Detection: Native AI vs. Bolt-On Tools

Fraudulent claims erode profitability and client confidence. Built-in fraud detection within claims systems gives TPAs a proactive edge:

- Real-time alerts for suspicious patterns.
- Machine learning models that evolve over time.
- Seamless integration into workflows without external complexity.

Native fraud detection is more effective and cost-efficient than bolt-on solutions.

## **Faster Client Onboarding: Days, Not Months**

Every new client launch is a chance to prove performance. Configurable onboarding tools accelerate implementation by:

- Using templates for common programs.
- Automating setup of workflows, permissions, and reporting.
- Ensuring compliance checkpoints are met.

This speed translates directly to revenue and client satisfaction.

# Secure, Compliant, and Cloud-Based

In an era of evolving regulations, cloud-native platforms ensure TPAs remain audit-ready. Benefits include:

- SOC 2 compliance and advanced encryption.
- Automatic updates to meet regulatory changes.
- Disaster recovery and scalability through the cloud.

Security and compliance are non-negotiable for performance-driven TPAs.

# **Elevating Adjuster Productivity Through Smart Task Management**

Adjusters are the heart of claims operations, yet many spend too much time on administrative tasks. Smart task management tools deliver:

- Automated assignment based on workload and expertise.
- Prioritization of high-risk or urgent claims.
- Elimination of manual follow-ups with automated reminders.

This leads to higher productivity, reduced burnout, and better outcomes.

## **Partnering With Clients on Technology Decisions**

Clients increasingly expect their TPAs to be thought leaders in technology. By actively participating in system selection and implementation, TPAs can:

- Align technology with client goals.
- Ensure smooth integrations across stakeholders.
- Strengthen long-term client partnerships.

This proactive role cements the TPA as a strategic partner, not just a vendor.

## **Conclusion: The Path to Performance-Driven TPA Operations**

The TPA industry is at an inflection point. Those who continue with legacy systems and manual processes risk falling behind in an increasingly competitive market. Performance-driven TPAs, however, are leveraging modern claims technology to achieve measurable impact across the value chain:

- Faster, more accurate claims handling.
- Greater client transparency and satisfaction.
- Improved financial outcomes through recovery and fraud prevention.
- Enhanced compliance, scalability, and adjuster productivity.

By embracing modern claims platforms with built-in automation, AI, and flexible configuration, TPAs can transform their operations—and deliver measurable value to every client they serve.

Curious how your TPA can begin delivering measurable impact with modern claims technology? <u>Schedule a Demo</u>. to see how our low-code platform empowers business users with automation, AI, and real-time insights—starting on day one.

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