Leading global auto insurer finds opportunities to cut expenses by $12.5M and reduce loss leakage by $2.5M through capacity enhancement and cycle-time reduction

The Australian division of a leading global auto insurer needed to reduce its claims processing cycle time and expenses by identifying leakage across the claims settlement process.

**Business challenge**

The Australia-based motor-insurance claims department of a leading global insurer was experiencing an unusually high cycle time of 112 days for claims processing. A lack of proactive claims management and poor communication had resulted in a high call volume, with 75% of calls related to queries about open claims. Additionally, incorrect liability decisions and recovery flagging, combined with an ineffective subrogation process, were causing loss leakage and internal delays.

The company needed to implement a streamlined process to improve claims processing cycle time and centralize administrative tasks, which would have a positive impact on both capacity generation and expense control. They also needed to establish a robust metric framework linked to business outcomes, and to make structural changes to enhance the customer experience.

**Genpact approach**

After performing a thorough root-cause analysis using Lean and Six Sigma principles, Genpact identified the following:

- The company’s cycle time of 112 days was unacceptably high
- There was a low percentage of straight-through processing and an ineffective responsibility metric
- There was no proactive claims management or communication, leading to poor customer satisfaction and high call volume
- 75% of calls were related to queries on open claims
- Most of the loss leakage was due to incorrect liability decisions and recovery flagging
- The subrogation process was ineffective, with an average 14-day internal delay in submitting proof of loss for recovery

**Genpact solution**

- Realign the organization to streamline the end-to-end claims processing cycle time
- Automate activities to proactively manage the claims process
- Enhance the IVR system to improve the customer experience
- Establish a robust metric framework across the claims process, linked to business outcomes

**Business impact**

- Cash flow and liquidity
- Cost and margin pressure
- Standardization and simplification
- Customer satisfaction
• Productivity was low due to a lack of defined roles and responsibilities
• There were 30+ opportunities for process improvement that would require little or no investment and no technology changes

**Genpact solution**

After identifying overall loss leakage and expenses of $15M, Genpact offered an end-to-end solution incorporating capacity enhancement, cycle time reduction, and improved first-notice-of-loss accuracy. Changes would need to be implemented across multiple projects in the areas of organizational realignment, technology and IVR, and process and measurement.

**Organizational Realignment:**

• Reassign roles and responsibilities to improve productivity and streamline the end-to-end claims-processing cycle
• Consolidate the intake team and baseline the SLA to improve average handling time
• Decouple and centralize administrative tasks to fast-track claims processing and positively impact customer satisfaction

**Technology and IVR Changes:**

• Automate activities to proactively manage claims
• Make structural changes to the IVR system to correspond with the organizational realignment and enhance the customer experience

• Introduce a self-service model to facilitate claims processing

**Process and Measurement:**

• Create a script of initial questions to be asked to capture accurate loss description for liability decision making and subrogation flagging
• Establish a robust metric framework across the claims process, linked to business outcomes
• Implement immediate process improvements in areas where no major investment or technology changes were required

**Business impact**

By implementing these changes across multiple projects, the company can realize the following impacts:

• Total business impact of approximately $15M ($2.5M loss leakage reduction; $12.5M expense control)
• Reduction in end-to-end claims process cycle time by 12 days
• 20% improvement in capacity generation

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