



# INDIANA MEDICAID UPDATE

**August 31, 1998**

**TO: All Medicaid Providers**

**SUBJECT: Verification of Eligibility for Medicaid Recipient in Residing in Nursing Facilities**

The case mix system of reimbursement for Medicaid residents in Medicaid-certified and dually licensed nursing facilities in the State of Indiana will go into effect October 1, 1998. This transition will remove the skilled and intermediate levels of care in the nursing facility and as such, these designations will no longer be conveyed through the AVR, NECS, or OMNI systems for dates of service on and after October 1, 1998.

Due to the time necessary to make all system adjustments, NECS and OMNI will not be available to verify nursing facility resident eligibility on October 1, 1998. EDS will notify all providers of the date these two systems can be used to verify eligibility for nursing facility residents when the systems are modified to accept the new case mix methodology. Effective October 1<sup>st</sup> and until further notice from EDS, All Medicaid nursing facility resident eligibility verification must be accomplished through the AVR system. The case mix transition will not affect Medicaid recipients who do not reside in a nursing facility; therefore, all mechanisms for eligibility verification can continue to be used for residents who do not reside in a nursing facility after the case mix reimbursement transition.

Effective October 1, 1998, the AVR system will announce that a resident, who is in a nursing facility on the date of service identified, has a "nursing facility" level of care since the skilled and intermediate designations will no longer be utilized. Also, all residents who reside in an intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded, for the inquired date of service, will be identified with an ICF/MR" level of care.

If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this bulletin, please contact the EDS Provider Assistance Unit at 1-800-577-1278, or for local providers and out-of-state providers not in a contiguous state, at (317) 655-3240.