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To: All Providers

Subject: Important Information About Medicaid Spend-down

Overview

The Family and Social Services Administration has suspended the spend-down changes that were implemented April 1, 2005, regarding how medical expenses subject to payment by a third party are used to meet spend-down.

Beginning May 1, 2005, providers will not be asked to document the Medicare approved amount or whether Medicare will be billed for an expense. The provider's usual and customary charge will be allowed to meet spend-down for both QMB members and non QMB members. However, if a medical expense is submitted for spend-down purposes after a third party has adjudicated the claim, the provider must indicate the amount, if any, paid by the third party.