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To: All Long Term Care Providers**Subject: Patient Trust Accounts****Overview**

Indiana Department of Health regulation [410 IAC 16.2-3.1-6(h)] requires that nursing facilities convey, within thirty days of a resident's death, the resident's personal funds deposited with the facility, and a final accounting of those funds, to persons administering the resident's estate.

The Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) is a creditor of the estate of a person who received Medicaid benefits after he or she turned fifty-five years old pursuant to 42 USC 1396p and I.C. 12-15-9. Medicaid has a priority claim to repayment, and the nursing facility should send to OMPP residents' personal accounts pursuant to the standards reported in this bulletin.

Determining Whether Funds Should be Sent to the State

At the death of a resident, OMPP should receive the resident's account fund if:

- The resident was at least fifty-five years old
- The resident was a Medicaid recipient
- The resident is not survived by a spouse
- The resident is not survived by a dependant child under twenty-one years old
- The resident is not survived by a dependant child who is blind or disabled
- The resident had a pre-paid funeral arrangement, and
- No estate has been or will be opened in probate court.

Information Facilities Should Send when Remitting Resident Account Funds

When sending funds to OMPP, include the following information:

- Name of the resident
- Resident's Medicaid recipient identification number (RID #) or case number
- Resident's date of death
- Amount of funds remitted for each resident (if more than one)
- Reason the funds are being returned to Medicaid
- Name of the facility where the recipient resided

- Name and telephone number of a facility contact person.

Remittances should be made payable to “Treasurer, State of Indiana” and mailed to the following address:

**FSSA Claims Repayment
P.O. Box 1007
Indianapolis, IN 46262-1007**

Contact Information

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