

Dear Pregnant Applicant/Recipient,

This letter is to inform you of procedures allowed by State law when a pregnant woman receives Medicaid for her prenatal care and the birth of her baby. We are giving this letter to you because you are pregnant and have applied for Medicaid.

If we determine you are eligible for Medicaid, Medicaid will pay for your medical care during your pregnancy and for the two months after your pregnancy ends. While you will not have to pay for the cost of these medical services, the father of your child may be asked to provide the child with private health insurance and/or pay cash medical support for some of the money Medicaid spent for the cost of your pregnancy-related medical expenses. If medical support action is going to be taken, it can't be done until two months after your pregnancy ends.

Once your baby is born, if you are not married, we will need to know the father of your baby. If paternity is not established at the hospital, we will help you establish paternity.

- **If the father of the baby has private health insurance**, and you are enrolled in this insurance, we will not seek cash medical support for your pregnancy-related expenses. This is true whether or not you are married to the baby's father or living with him. When your baby is born and the baby is enrolled in private health insurance, we will not seek cash medical support for the baby, even if the baby's father does not live with your baby.
- **If you do not live with the baby's father**, we may ask the father of your baby to pay cash medical support for some of your pregnancy and birth-related Medicaid expenses. This is true whether or not you are married to the baby's father. However, if the father's income is less than 135% of the federal poverty income guidelines for a single person (the "self-support reserve"), he may not be required to pay for cash medical support.
- **If you are currently living with the baby's father**, and his income is used in your household budget for your Medicaid eligibility determination we will not ask the baby's father for cash medical support for your pregnancy and birth-related Medicaid expenses.

If you have any questions, please contact your local county department of Social Services.