

**NOTICE OF TRANSITION OF YOUR MEDICAID/FAMILY PLANNING BENEFIT PROGRAM AND/OR MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM (County B)**

DATE:		NAME AND ADDRESS OF AGENCY/CENTER OR DISTRICT OFFICE		
CASE NUMBER	CIN/RID NUMBER			
CASE NAME (and C/O Name if Present) AND ADDRESS				
		GENERAL TELEPHONE NO. FOR QUESTIONS OR HELP _____		
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		<b>OR</b> Agency Conference _____		
		Fair Hearing Information and Assistance _____		
		Record Access _____		
		Legal Assistance Information _____		
OFFICE NO.	UNIT NO.	WORKER NO.	UNIT OR WORKER NAME	TELEPHONE NO.

A Medicaid/Family Planning Benefit Program and/or Medicare Savings Program case will be opened for the following names(s) \_\_\_\_\_ effective \_\_\_\_\_.

This is because you are now a resident of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Important Information for Medicaid Managed Care Enrollees**

You will be enrolled in the same Managed Care plan if it is offered in this county. Medicaid Managed Care enrollees whose current plan is not offered in your new county will need to use your New York State Benefit Identification Card to access medical services from Medicaid providers after the effective date above. If you are required to enroll in a Managed Care plan in this county, you will be sent information about available plan selections. If you have questions about your health plan enrollment, or want information about what plans you can join in this county, call the managed care unit at the general telephone number listed above. Medicaid Managed Care enrollees will receive a new member packet from your plan.

**Excess Income (Spendedown) Cases**

For individuals whose income is over the allowable Medicaid income limit and who participate in the Excess Income Program, beginning \_\_\_\_\_ you will need to provide proof of paid or unpaid medical expenses to this agency in order to be eligible for payment of any additional covered outpatient expenses. You may also pay your excess income amount to this agency for any month you need outpatient coverage.

**Important Information for Family Planning Benefit Program Enrollees**

The Family Planning Benefit Program will continue to cover services that may help prevent or reduce unwanted pregnancies.

**Important Information for Medicare Savings Program Enrollees**

The Medicaid Program will continue to pay your Medicare premiums. If Medicaid was also paying your co-insurance and deductibles, we will continue to pay these costs.

This decision is based on Sections 365(1) and 364-j of the Social Services Law.

*REGULATIONS REQUIRE THAT YOU IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THIS DEPARTMENT OF ANY CHANGES IN NEEDS, RESOURCES, LIVING ARRANGEMENTS OR ADDRESS*

**YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPEAL THIS DECISION  
BE SURE TO READ THE BACK OF THIS NOTICE ON HOW TO APPEAL THIS DECISION**

**RIGHT TO A CONFERENCE:** You may have a conference to review these actions. If you want a conference, you should ask for one as soon as possible. At the conference, if we discover that we made the wrong decision or if, because of information you provide, we determine to change our decision, we will take corrective action and give you a new notice. You may ask for a conference by calling us at the number on the first page of this notice or by sending a written request to us at the address listed at the top of the first page of this notice. This number is used only for asking for a conference. ***It is not the way you request a fair hearing.*** If you ask for a conference you are still entitled to a fair hearing. If you want to have your benefits continue unchanged (aid continuing) until you get a fair hearing decision, you must request a fair hearing in the way described below. Read below for fair hearing information.

**ACCESS TO YOUR FILE AND COPIES OF DOCUMENTS:** To help you get ready for the hearing, you have a right to look at your case file. If you call or write to us, we will provide you with free copies of the documents from your file which we will give to the hearing officer at the fair hearing. Also, if you call or write to us, we will provide you with free copies of other documents from your file which you think you may need to prepare for your fair hearing. If you call or write to us, we will also make available to you without charge specific policy materials necessary for you to decide whether to request a fair hearing or to prepare for the hearing. Policy materials that may be available to you include documents such as: Administrative Directives, General Information System messages, Informational Letters, portions of the Medicaid Reference Guide, Department of Health Medicaid Update newsletters and Local Commissioner Memorandums. To ask for specific policy materials, documents or to find out how to look at your file, call us at the Record Access telephone number listed at the top of the front of this notice or write us at the address printed at the top of the front of this notice. If you want free copies of specific policy materials or documents from your case file, you should ask for them ahead of time. They will be provided to you within a reasonable time before the date of the hearing. Documents will be mailed to you only if you specifically ask that they be mailed.

**RIGHT TO A FAIR HEARING:** If you believe that the above action is wrong, you may request a State fair hearing by:

- 1) **Telephone:** You may call the state wide toll free number: 800-342-3334 (PLEASE HAVE THIS NOTICE WITH YOU WHEN YOU CALL) **OR**
- 2) **Fax:** Send a copy of this notice to fax no. (518) 473-6735; **OR**
- 3) **On-Line:** Complete and send the online request form at: <http://www.otda.ny.gov/oah/forms.asp>; **OR**
- 4) **Write:** Send a copy of this notice **completed**, to the Fair Hearing Section, New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, P.O. Box 1930, Albany, New York 12201. Please keep a copy for yourself.

I want a fair hearing. The Agency's action is wrong because: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Case Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Client: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOU HAVE 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO REQUEST A FAIR HEARING:** If you request a fair hearing, the State will send you a notice informing you of the time and place of the hearing. You have the right to be represented by legal counsel, a relative, a friend or other person, or to represent yourself. At the hearing you, your attorney or other representative will have the opportunity to present written and oral evidence to demonstrate why the action should not be taken, as well as an opportunity to question any persons who appear at the hearing. Also, you have a right to bring witnesses to speak in your favor. You should bring to the hearing any documents such as this notice, pay stubs, receipts, medical bills, heating bills, medical verification, letters, etc. that may be helpful in presenting your case.

**LEGAL ASSISTANCE:** If you need free legal assistance, you may be able to obtain such assistance by contacting your local Legal Aid Society or other legal advocate group. You may locate the nearest Legal Aid Society or advocate group by checking your Yellow Pages under "Lawyers" or by calling the number indicated on the first page of this notice.

**INFORMATION:** If you want more information about your case, how to ask for a fair hearing, how to see your file, or how to get additional copies of documents, call us at the telephone numbers listed at the top of page 1 of this notice or write to us at the address printed at the top of page 1 of this notice.

**ATTENTION:** Children under 19 years of age who are not eligible for Medicaid or other health insurance may be eligible for the Child Health Plus Insurance Plan for kids. The plan provides health care insurance for children. Call 1-800-698-4543 for information.