

Dear Applicant,

This letter is to inform you of a procedure that _____ County Department of Social Services has 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. Your Medicaid application may have been through a Prenatal Care Assistance Program (PCAP).

If we determine you are eligible for Medicaid, Medicaid will pay for your medical care during your pregnancy and the two months after your pregnancy ends. While you will not have to pay for the cost of these medical services, we may ask the father of your child(ren) to pay back the money that Medicaid has spent for the cost of your pregnancy-related medical bills. If you are in a managed care plan and the amount of money Medicaid paid was the managed care premium, the money to be paid back to Medicaid may be the total amount of payment/premiums paid and the cost of any prescriptions from the drug store. There may also be special, higher payments associated with the costs of the birth and delivery.

- **If you are not married, and you do not live with the baby's father**, and his income and resources are not known, we may ask the father of your baby to pay back Medicaid for your pregnancy and birth-related expenses. However, if the father was or is in receipt of, or eligible for cash assistance or Medicaid, we may decide not to ask the father to pay back the cost of some or all of the medical services.
- **If you are not married, but are currently living with the baby's father**, and you provide the Medicaid office with proof of his income and that he is supporting you, we can determine your Medicaid eligibility by including his income. If you are still eligible for Medicaid using this method, we will not ask the baby's father to pay back Medicaid for the baby's expenses. However, he could be asked to pay back your expenses if the case is referred to Family Court to establish future medical support or paternity.
- **IMPORTANT: If the father of the baby has health insurance available**, let your worker know. Using health insurance may reduce the amount that he may be asked to repay. This may be true if you are married to the baby's father or not or if you are living with him or not.
- **If you are married, and your husband's income is used to determine your eligibility**, we will not ask him to pay back Medicaid for your expenses or the baby's expenses.

If you have any questions, please contact your worker.