

IMPORTANT **NOTICE**

YOUR ESTATE MAY BE SUBJECT TO MEDICAID RECOVERY

Individuals under age 55

You (your personal representative) requested that Medicaid help pay for the cost of care for a nursing facility. The services that may be subject to recovery are stated in the N.C. Gen. Stat. sec 108A-70.5. Federal and State law require the Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) to file a claim against the estate of certain individuals to recover all Medicaid paid on their behalf for the time Medicaid paid a portion of their care for a nursing facility.

Estate Recovery does not apply to everyone. A claim will be filed against the estate of a deceased individual who:

- ▶ Applied or reapplied for Medicaid on or after **October 1, 1994.**
- AND
- ▶ Was **under age 55** and resided in a medical facility on an indefinite or permanent basis.

There are some circumstances when we will not collect from your estate. We will waive recovery when:

- ▶ You are survived by your legal spouse, child(ren) under age 21 or a child of any age who is disabled or blind (as determined by the Social Security Administration or Disability Determination Services), or
- ▶ The total assets in your estate are less than \$5,000, or the total amount Medicaid paid is less than \$3,000,
- OR
- ▶ Recovery will cause undue or substantial hardship to a surviving heir.

This notice is for informational purposes only. You will be notified in writing when a decision is made whether you are residing in a medical facility on a permanent or indefinite basis.

If you have questions about anything in this notice, contact your local Department of Social Services. Should you have further questions regarding Medicaid, or North Carolina Health Choice, you may call the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Customer Support Center, toll free at 1-800-662-7030 (English/Spanish) or 1-877-452-2514 (Note: this is a TTY number that is for deaf or hearing impaired callers). The DHHS Customer Support Center is open from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. Additional information about services in your community is also found on the Department of Health and Human Services website at www.nccarelink.gov.

Applicant/Recipient/Personal Representative
Print Name

Applicant/Recipient/Personal Representative
Signature

Date

Relationship to Applicant/Recipient

Caseworker Signature