

IMPORTANT NOTICE
YOUR ESTATE IS SUBJECT TO MEDICAID RECOVERY
Individuals age 55 and over

This is **NOTICE** that Federal and State law authorize the Division of Medical Assistance to file a claim against your estate to recover certain payments made by the Medicaid program on your behalf. We cannot collect any assets (property or money) that are not part of your estate at the time of your death. No lien will be placed on your property as part of the recovery process.

Your estate is subject to recovery because:

- ▶ You applied or reapplied for Medicaid on or after **October 1, 1994**, and
- ▶ You are age **55 or older**, and
- ▶ Medicaid is paying for a portion of your care in a nursing facility, **OR** you are receiving services under the Community Alternatives Program (CAP), or
- ▶ You are receiving In Home Care for Adults (IHCA)

Recovery will be claimed for Medicaid payments for the following services as stated in the North Carolina State Plan, as well as in the N.C. Gen. Stat. sec 108A-70.5.

- ▶ Home and community-based services
- ▶ Nursing facility cost of care, and related hospital expenses while you resided in a nursing facility.
- ▶ CAP Services
- ▶ In Home Care for Adults (IHCA)
- ▶ Prescription drugs.

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

- ▶ You are survived by a legal spouse, child under age 21, or child of any age who is blind or disabled (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 Medicaid paid on your behalf is less than \$3,000, or
- ▶ Recovery will cause undue or substantial hardship to a surviving heir.

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/Representative

Caseworker Signature

Date