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## STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

## Requirements for Third Party Liability – Identifying Liable Resources

1. FREQUENCY OF DATA EXCHANGESA. State Wages and Income Collection Agencies (SWICA) and Social Security Administration (SSA) Wage and Earning Files

Exchanges with SWICA and SSA wage and earnings files are conducted consistent with IEVS regulations. The SWICA exchange is conducted upon Medicaid application and quarterly on all recipients. Exchanges on absent parents are conducted monthly. The SSA data exchange is conducted consistent with IEVS.

B. Industrial Commission Data Exchange

DHS determined that it was not cost effective to maintain this match, due to the fact the DHS' effective Trauma Edit Project was a duplicate effort. (See D)

C. State Motor Vehicle Data Exchange

There is currently no DMV match, although if an auto accident were identified via a Trauma Lead Letter, the IME Revenue Collections Unit would review the Trauma Lead Letter and create a lien case to pursue recovery.

D. Diagnosis and Trauma Code Edits

On a monthly cycle members with paid claims showing a trauma diagnosis code, 800 through 999 except 994.6, are reported by the IME Core Unit. A questionnaire is sent to each member requesting verification as to the illness or injury. Upon receipt of member responses, the IME Revenue Collections Unit follows up and contacts liable third parties, initiates recovery action, and tracks all efforts.

2. FOLLOW-UPA. Absent Parents

The names, social security numbers, and possible third party resources of noncustodial and custodial parents are obtained by the Child Support Recovery Unit (CSRU) and entered into the TPL Subsystem of the MMIS on a weekly basis. The above-referenced information is also requested on the Supplemental Insurance Questionnaire (SIQ). When information is obtained from the SIQ, it is verified via telephonic or web site verification and loaded via electronic processes into the MMIS or entered directly into the TPL Subsystem of the MMIS.

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2. FOLLOW-UP (Cont.)

A. Absent Parents (Cont.)

The Child Support Recovery Unit sends a weekly file to the IME Revenue Collections Unit, which includes insurance information when coverage is provided by a noncustodial parent.

B. Industrial Commission

DHS determined that it was not cost effective to maintain this match, due to the fact that DHS' effective Trauma Code Edit Project was a duplicate effort.

Diagnosis and trauma code edits are being conducted for all codes 800 through 999 with the exception of code 994.6.

On a monthly cycle members with paid claims showing a trauma diagnosis code are reported by the IME Core Unit. A questionnaire is sent to each member requesting verification as to the illness or injury. Upon receipt of member responses, the IME Revenue Collections Unit follows up and contacts liable third parties, initiates recovery action, and tracks all efforts.

C. State Motor Vehicle Accident File

Not applicable. See Section 1, paragraph C.

D. Diagnosis and Trauma Code

Diagnosis and trauma code edits are being conducted for all codes 800 through 999 with the exception of code 994.6.

On a monthly basis, the IME Core Unit extracts claims processed in the MMIS System with a trauma code diagnosis to identify appropriate claims to send questionnaires (Trauma Lead Letters) to a member requesting verification of the illness or injury. When questionnaires are returned by members indicating that the liable third party has casualty insurance, or when the member has retained the services of an attorney for possible litigation, the IME Revenue Collections Unit opens a subrogation case and files a lien. This information is maintained in the case management system utilized by the IME Revenue Collections Unit.

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2. FOLLOW-UP (Cont.)

D. Diagnosis and Trauma Code (Cont.)

The casualty claims threshold is set at \$250.00, accumulated from the date of the accident, and added together for a period of one (1) year to compare to the \$250.00 threshold. Within forty-five (45) business days of receipt of the questionnaire, the IME Revenue Collections Unit follows up on the information in order to identify legally liable third party resources.

If the member indicates that there is no insurance or legal action pending, the IME Revenue Collections Unit evaluates the case to determine need for further investigation. Examples of the types of considerations made by the IME Revenue Collections Unit include circumstances of the accident related in the questionnaire and total Medicaid dollars spent. The expanded investigation, if pursued, could include contacting the owner of property where the trauma incident occurred or, if it is a motor vehicle accident, the insurance carrier for the owner of the automobile involved in the accident.

All lien recovery information is maintained in a case management database. Electronic case information includes:

1. Name of member
2. Documentation of why case was opened
3. Name and address of attorney
4. Certification of notice to parties
5. Letters of representation
6. Patient waivers for release of information
7. Name and address of insurance carrier for liable third party
8. Case history

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