



STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH  
LANSING

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GOVERNOR

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DIRECTOR

February 20, 2013

7/20/13  
Model 7, 13  
[Redacted]

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[Redacted] FL [Redacted]

Re: [Redacted]  
Medicaid ID#: [Redacted]  
Date of Death: Jan 20, 2013

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE CLAIM AGAINST ESTATE**

Dear Ms. [Redacted]:

I am contacting you on behalf of the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH). Please accept my condolences for your recent loss. Although I recognize that this is a difficult time for you, I am required by law to ask you for some information about [Redacted].

You received this notice because our records identify you as the primary contact for the Estate of [Redacted]. If this is incorrect, please provide us with the name and contact information of the person who will be administering the estate.

**Medicaid Estate Recovery**

Our records indicate that [Redacted] received Medicaid services from the State of Michigan after [Redacted].

Michigan law allows MDCH to recover certain Medicaid payments from a deceased recipient's probate estate. Please note the State's claim is against the estate of the decedent and not the personal representative, family members, beneficiaries, or heirs. The amount that MDCH can recover is limited by a number of exemptions, and at no time can MDCH recover an amount greater than the value of the assets in a recipient's probate estate. In order to determine whether an exemption applies to [Redacted]'s probate estate, we need you to complete and return the attached questionnaire. **The questionnaire must be completed and returned to the address below within two weeks of your receipt of this notice.**

**Estate Claim**

MDCH intends to file a claim against [Redacted]'s estate for the amount of Medicaid payments made, less any exemptions that apply. In some cases MDCH may release its claim if there is a surviving spouse, exempt child, or other hardship.

**Hardship Waiver**

If no statutory exemptions apply, but an heir or beneficiary can demonstrate that recovery would result in an undue hardship, then MDCH may waive its claim against an estate. To apply for a hardship waiver, please

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