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Re: Notice of Privacy Practices

Dear County Director of Social Services:

Enclosed is the text for an insert that will be included with the March 2006 Medicaid ID cards. The insert gives recipients information on how to obtain a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires that every 3 years Medicaid recipients be given information on how to obtain a copy of this notice.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact your Medicaid Program Representative.

Sincerely,

L. Allen Dobson

Enclosure

Attention Medicaid Recipients

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires that every 3 years the Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) advise Medicaid recipients on how to obtain a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices. If you have internet access, you can obtain a copy of this Notice at the following link: www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dma/ . From this page, you should click on the **Consumer Links** button. The Notice of Privacy Practices is listed under **Information for All Consumers** and is available in both English and Spanish. If you do not have internet access, you can obtain a copy of this Notice by contacting your caseworker at your County DSS.

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