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Re: Employer Letter and Survey for Third Party Insurance

Dear County Director of Social Services:

The purpose of this letter is to provide background information about the Division's efforts to identify children who are Medicaid recipients and who have been enrolled in an absent parent's insurance plan.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has contracted with Public Consulting Group, Inc. (PCG) to conduct data matches and recovery efforts on behalf of the State of North Carolina. PCG will utilize the New Hire, Wage & Earnings and Absent Parent files to conduct matches with the Medicaid eligibility file in order to compile a database of absent parents who are employed and may have insurance coverage available for their dependent(s). A letter and survey will be sent to these employees requesting information about their employer's insurance plan. This information will determine the potential for the plan to cover a dependent child for which there is a court order requiring that the absent parent provide insurance coverage.

In many cases, Child Support Enforcement (CSE) enters third party insurance information in the North Carolina Automated Collection and Tracking System for Children (ACTS). However, there are reasons why this information does not become a part of the EIS (Employee Information System), Third Party Liability (TPR) segment; foremost, being that the information does not automatically roll over into EIS and must be entered manually.

This project, to begin in September 2002, will ensure that an increased number of verified insurance policies are added to the EIS TPR segment resulting in increased cost avoidance by Medicaid.

The letter will be sent to employers by DHHS, Division of Medical Assistance, however the survey results will be mailed to a PCG post office box located in Charlotte, NC. The letter will provide a PCG contact and a toll free number for the employer to call if there are any questions about the survey. There should be no assistance required by the county staff because of this mailing. If the employer or absent parent insists on contacting DHHS, feel free to have them call Marilyn Vail, DMA/TPR, at (919) 733-6294.

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