



MEDICAID POLICY CLARIFICATION #PC000281 MEDICAID LIEN STATUTE DATE CLARIFICATIONS

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To: Iowa Medicaid Managed Care Plans

This letter is a formal notification of the state's expectations related to the operations and implementation of Iowa Medicaid under the managed care program. This purpose of this letter is to do following:

- Provide formal guidance
- Clarification of existing Iowa Medicaid policy
- Guidance on new process or policy
- Request for information

The purpose of this letter is to provide policy clarification on effective dates related to HF 685's Amendments to Iowa Code §§ 249.37 and 249A.54.

The statute applies prospectively, not retrospectively, from the time the cause of action arises. A cause of action will arise at the time of the trauma. Therefore, HF 685's amendments apply to new cases of trauma that occur on or after July 1, 2023.

In addition, there are other dates in the statute that pertain to notices. Date of legal notice will be interpreted as follows:


- Where the statute provides for notice by mail, the notice date will be the date the document is mailed. However, if a notice is sent by certified mail, the notice date will be the date the certified mail is received.
- If the delivery method for a written notice is unknown, the notice date will be the date the notice is received.

Related Policy Clarifications:

This policy clarification should be used in correlation with the following policy clarifications:

This formal guidance impacts capitation rates in the following manner:

- This [is was] an Iowa Medicaid practice prior to April 1, 2016 and was included in the experience used to develop the capitation rates.
- This is a new process or policy that does not have a fiscal impact.



This is a new process or policy that will be reflected in revised capitation rates and implemented July 1, 2021.