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SUBJECT: Correction to LDSS-4148B: "What You Should Know About Social Services Programs"

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

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This is to inform social services districts of a typographical error on page 9 of the client booklet, LDSS-4148B: "What You Should Know About Social Services Programs". The booklet should read:

What if the doctor or other provider that you paid doesn't take Medical Assistance? We can pay you for some bills even if the doctor or other provider you paid does not take Medical Assistance. If you paid the bills before you asked for Medical Assistance, we can pay you even if the doctor or other provider does not take Medical Assistance. After the day you ask for Medical Assistance, we can pay you only if the doctor or other provider takes Medical Assistance.

At the next reprinting of the LDSS-4148B, this error will be corrected. In the interim, districts are instructed to provide the attached correction with any LDSS-4148B that is distributed. Districts are also encouraged to advise applicants that medical bills paid before the filing of an application may be reimbursable.

CORRECTION ALERT: LDSS-4148B

The following is the correct answer to the last question on page 9 of your booklet entitled "What You Should Know About Social Services Programs".

Q. Can Medical Assistance Pay for Past Medical Bills?

- A.** We must pay you for some bills you paid before you asked for Medical Assistance - even if the doctor or other provider that you paid does not take Medical Assistance. The following explains when we will pay you for these bills.

What bills can be paid? You can be paid for bills you paid before you asked for Medical Assistance and for bills you pay until you get your Medical Assistance Common Benefit Identification (CBIC) card. Bills you paid before you asked for Medical Assistance must be for services you received on or after the first day of the third month before the month that you asked for Medical Assistance. Example: If you ask for Medical Assistance on March 11, we can pay you for services you received and paid for from December 1 until you get your Medical Assistance Common Benefit Identification (CBIC) card.

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