TO: Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

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SUBJECT: eMedNY

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

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This is to inform local departments of social services of a change in eMedNY data entry for Third Party scope of benefits.

Under WMS, one of the choices for Third Party scope of benefits was "Major Med." This option is not supported in eMedNY, and we have had to convert the WMS scope of benefits data to the expanded eMedNY record.

During the conversion from WMS to eMedNY, certain individuals may have inadvertently been assigned "Drug-Major Medical" coverage on eMedNY when, in fact, no such coverage previously existed on WMS. This has been corrected by changing the coverage information for affected individuals from "Drug – Major Medical" to "Drug - Recovery Only."

There have also been a limited number of instances in which pharmacies misinterpreted the message they received for clients identified as having major medical drug coverage. To avoid confusion, districts should use Field 10 (Drug - Recovery Only) for recipients whose insurance records show either a major medical policy, HMO or PPO. Districts **should not** use Field 11 (Drug-Major Medical) until further notice.

If the LDSS is certain there is drug coverage, the district may populate Field 12 (Drug – Copay). However, Field 12 should be used **only** when there is absolutely no question that drug coverage is included in the Third Party plan. In all other cases, Field 10 must be used.