

**TO:** Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

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**SUBJECT:** Update to Medicare Premium Payment Process for Individuals Referred From NY State of Health to a Local Department of Social Services

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Immediately

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The purpose of this General Information System (GIS) message is to advise local departments of social services (LDSS) and the Human Resources Administration (HRA) of a change in how Medicare premium payments will be administered for individuals referred from NY State of Health to an LDSS or HRA and who are enrolled in Medicare at the time of referral. The information in this GIS updates the guidance previously provided in 2014 LCM-02 regarding Medicare premium payments for the affected population and supersedes the information in section V of 2014 LCM-02.

Under the process outlined in 2014 LCM-02, NYSOH recipients enrolled in Medicare Part B at the time of referral were given Medicare Insurance Premium Payments (MIPP) to reimburse their Medicare Part B premiums. Effective January 1, 2023, NY State of Health Medicaid recipients, who are enrolled in Medicare at the time of referral, are being enrolled in the Medicare Savings Program (MSP) at the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) level to pay their Medicare premiums, rather than being enrolled in MIPP.

The Department's Third Party Health Insurance (TPHI) unit will identify NY State of Health Medicaid referral recipients who are enrolled in MSP. A list of these individuals will be e-mailed daily to the appropriate local district or HRA. These e-mails will be sent to the same staff receiving lists of referral recipients in receipt of MIPP.

Local district staff must determine if these recipients continue to be eligible for MSP when their post-referral renewals are returned. If recipients are no longer MSP eligible, the Medicare Buy-In span must be closed, and notification must be provided regarding the discontinuance of MSP.

Please direct any questions to your local district liaison.