

Iowa Department of Human Services

## Estate Recovery Notice for New Approvals

Date:

Case number:

County and worker number:

Telephone number:

Address:

Dear \_\_\_\_\_ :

Federal law requires the state of Iowa to have an “estate recovery” program. Estate recovery applies to all Medicaid benefits paid on or after July 1, 1994, for people who:

- Are 55 years of age or older, or
- Live in a medical institution and are not expected to be able to return home.

Our records show that you are under age 55 and a resident of a medical institution. We presume that you cannot reasonably expect to return home. Therefore, your estate must repay the Department of Human Services for medical assistance paid on your behalf. If you do return home within six months, no debt will be assessed for Medicaid payments made on your behalf.

If you are still in the institution in six months, we will send you a notice explaining what you can do if you think you will return home. You may then request an individualized determination regarding your ability to return home.

**Note:** If a Medicaid member dies before spending six months in the institution, we presume that the member was unable to return home, unless the family or another interested party requests a determination, as described above.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Income Maintenance Worker