

Iowa Department of Human Services
Estate Recovery Six-Month Follow-Up

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 Medicaid benefits the State has paid 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 that Medicaid is paying for your care in a medical institution. If you do not expect to return home, then your estate must repay the Department of Human Services for medical services paid for you. The period for repayment will be from the date you entered the medical institution or from July 1, 1994, if that is later.

If you think you will be able to return home, you can ask the Department to review your case and make a decision based on your condition. If you want to ask for a review, write a letter to me at the address shown above. Your letter needs to explain why you think you will be able to return home, and must be received within 30 days of the date of this letter.

The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) will review your request and notify you of the decision. If you disagree with the decision, you may ask that IME reconsider the decision. This request should also be made in writing and sent to my attention. The IME Medical Unit will notify you of the reconsideration decision. If you disagree, you may request to appeal the decision. Your request for an appeal must be in writing and sent to my attention.

If you do not ask for a review of your case within 30 days of this notice, you can still request a review at a later date. However, if at that time the decision is that you can reasonably expect to return home, then any assistance you received before the date of your request will still need to be repaid through estate recovery.

If a Medicaid member dies before spending six months in the institution, we presume that the member was unable to return home. The family or someone acting on the member's behalf may request a determination under the terms described above.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Income Maintenance Worker