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Florida Medicaid Health Care Alert

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Removal of Exemption Status for Prenatal Related Diagnosis Codes from the Third Party Liability (TPL) Matrix in FMMIS.

The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (BBA 2018) requires states to take all reasonable measures to identify sources of third party liability before making payment for a claim for Medicaid prenatal care services. This ends "pay & chase" for prenatal care services and focuses instead on Medicaid cost avoidance.

Currently, professional services with diagnostic codes indicating prenatal care triggers the Florida Medicaid Management Information System (FMMIS) to apply an exception and pay the claim. Providers are advised that a recipient may potentially have TPL coverage during the eligibility verification process prior to submitting a claim to Medicaid. After the claims pay, the Medicaid TPL vendor reviews the claims to determine if TPL should have paid, then seeks to recover from the TPL entity.

Effective December 1, 2019, MMIS will no longer apply the exception. Claims for recipients who have valid TPL on file will deny and post the edit 2504 "Recipient Covered By Private Insurance." Providers will continue to be advised of potential TPL for recipients during the eligibility verification process prior to submitting a claim to Medicaid.

If no TPL payment is received, or if the service is denied as not covered, providers may submit a claim to Medicaid for adjudication and attach a copy of the explanation of benefits (EOB) from the insurance carrier that indicates the denial reason.

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