

**TO:** Local Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

**FROM:** Kathryn Kuhmerker, Deputy Commissioner  
Office of Medicaid Management

**SUBJECT:** Medicaid Recipient Co-Payment Program Changes

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 1, 2005

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Chapter 58 of the Laws of 2005 increased Medicaid recipient co-payments as follows:

- **Effective August 1, 2005, recipient co-payments for brand-name prescription drugs are increased from \$2.00 to \$3.00.**
- **Effective August 1, 2005, co-payments for generic prescription drugs are increased from \$0.50 to \$1.00.**
- **The annual co-payment maximum has been increased from \$100 to \$200 per recipient per year. This change to the annual maximum takes effect immediately.**

The co-pay year begins on April 1 each year and ends on March 31 of the following year.

Recipient notification letters will be mailed mid-July. Copies of the recipient notification letter and the Fair Hearing attachment (English and Spanish) are attached for your information.

When providing Medicaid applicants with Book 1, Book 2 and Book 3 client informational books, the attached amendment should be included to correct information regarding recipient co-payment exemptions appearing in Book 2(LDSS-4148B). The amendment is provided in English and Spanish.