

## **Providers of Sterilization Procedures**

**Due to the displacement of Louisiana Medicaid recipients by Hurricane Katrina and the possible loss of medical records, the following waiver has been issued effective for dates of service August 25, 2005 through October 31, 2005.**

For out of state providers, the Louisiana Medicaid sterilization consent form will be waived if the recipient is an evacuee and the sterilization occurred with a delivery. If the provider is unable to obtain a Louisiana Medicaid consent form prior to surgery, the Medicaid consent form used by the state in which the procedure is performed will be accepted. The provider should attach a copy of the completed consent and any supportive documentation obtained for the sterilization procedure with the hard copy claim. The thirty-day waiting period from recipient consent to date of sterilization is also waived for the situation outlined above.

For Louisiana Medicaid providers, the Louisiana consent form is to be used, however, the thirty-day waiting period from recipient consent to date of sterilization is waived.

A copy of the Louisiana Medicaid sterilization consent form can be obtained via telephone at (225) 342-1304 or fax (225) 376-4700. For standard billing or policy issues please refer to our website @ [www.lamedicaid.com](http://www.lamedicaid.com) under "Training". Please direct any other billing or claims processing questions to the Unisys Provider Relations Telephone Inquiry Unit at (800) 473-2783 or (225) 924-5040.