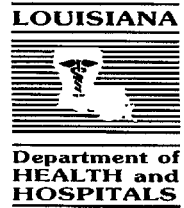




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**RE: Uncompensated Care Pool Plan Refunds**

Dear Providers:

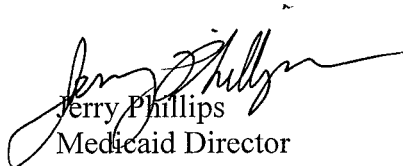
The Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) continues to receive Uncompensated Care (UCC) refund checks from providers. Prior to processing UCC invoices received from providers, a signed and notarized attestation was required. The attestation stated the provider had no knowledge of another payor source nor would claims for goods, services, and supplies be made to another entity for the purpose of obtaining either payment in full or in part.

Since this is 100% federal funds, providers are subject to payment audits by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and/or the Louisiana DHH. When providers are audited, they will need to provide explanations to CMS and to DHH why money was collected after UCC payments had already been received. Appropriate action will be taken where explanations indicate that collections were in violation of the provider's agreement with DHH.

Accounts paid from the UCC fund are considered paid in full. Under no circumstances should providers bill recipients for accounts that have already been paid by UCC. If a patient sends a provider payment for a claim submitted and paid by UCC, the money should be returned to the patient.

If you have any questions regarding the UCC program, please call Dawn Gulczynski at (225) 216-6314.

Sincerely,

  
Jerry Phillips  
Medicaid Director

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