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Medicaid Third Party Liability Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

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This bill alters provisions related to third-party liability for medical assistance paid under the Medicaid program. Specifically, with respect to such liability, the bill:

- expands the definition of "responsible third party" to include, among other health insurers, the TRICARE program;
- eliminates special rules with respect to certain services provided to children;
- requires the inclusion, in a contract between a state Medicaid program and a health insurer, of certain information regarding whether the state is delegating or transferring to the insurer a right of third-party recovery;
- provides for the treatment as overpayment of reimbursements made by a responsible third party to a health insurer;
- disallows a responsible third party from denying a state's claim solely on the basis of a failure to obtain a prior authorization;
- imposes a timeline for a responsible third party to respond to a state's inquiry regarding a claim for payment;
- provides for reductions to a state Medicaid program's federal matching rate if the state fails to comply with third-party insurance requirements; and
- modifies other provisions related to third-party liability under the Medicaid program.

Third-party liability requirements applicable under Medicaid shall also apply under the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services must:

- publish on its website, and annually update, best practices for assessing third-party liability;
- monitor and analyze efforts to assess that liability;
- in consultation with states, develop and make available a model uniform reporting field for identifying information related to responsible third parties; and
- provide other specified information and guidance to states.

Actions Timeline

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