

Child Care Fund Legislative Solutions

For Boilerplate and Statute

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| Category | Suggested Solution | Explanation |
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| Billing | Establish categories of reimbursable items using categories found in the administrative rules. | These categories should be codified in law to eliminate any confusion as to what is eligible. |
| Billing | Require MDHHS to make Title IV-E determinations within 45 days. | This helps keep the process current. |
| Billing | Allow the court/county to choose whether the state offsets its account or not. | A court/county may wish to eliminate the offset payment in order to increase the transparency of the billing process. |
| Billing | Limit back-billing by purchase of services agencies by requiring bills to be submitted to the state or county/court within 6 months of service | This helps keep the process current and eliminates back billing for thousands of dollars across fiscal years. |
| Billing | Disallow the state to recoup payment for Title IV-E status changes after a case has been certified by MDHHS as eligible. | This helps keep the process current and eliminates back billing for thousands of dollars across fiscal years. |
| Billing | Disallow the state to recoup payment based on a new interpretation by MDHHS of an existing rule or statute. | This helps keep the process current and eliminates back billing for thousands of dollars across fiscal years. |
| County Plan/Billing | Disallow the state to recoup CCF payment for expenditures included in an approved County Plan and Budget and/or expenditures that were previously approved by MDHHS. | County plan and budgets were approved and then individual pieces denied at a later date, resulting in an approved budget and later a reduced line item and reduction in programs for youth and families. |
| 207 Report/Billing | Allow courts/counties to submit 207 reports for reimbursement for multiple months simultaneously. | Currently, MISACWIS does not allow the next month to be billed until the previous month is approved. This has resulted in slow and non-payment to courts/counties. |
| 207 Report/Billing | All clarifications/requests for additional information for the monthly 207 report to be made within 15 days of receipt of the 207 report rather than multiple requests each with a new 15 day clock. | One 15 day period of clarification should be enough. |