

- brings an action, the other may become a party to or may consolidate an action brought independently with the other.
- b. A judgment, award, or settlement of a claim in an action by a recipient to recover damages for injuries or other third-party benefits in which the department has an interest may not be satisfied or released without first giving the department notice and a reasonable opportunity to file and satisfy its claim or proceed with any action as otherwise permitted by law.
 7. Any transfer or encumbrance of any right, title, or interest to which the department has a right with the intent, likelihood, or practical effect of defeating, hindering, or reducing recovery by the department for reimbursement of medical assistance provided to a recipient is void and of no effect against the claim of the department.
 8. A recipient who has notice or who has actual knowledge of the department's rights to third-party benefits who receives any third-party benefit or proceeds for a covered illness or injury is either required to pay the department within sixty days after receipt of settlement proceeds the full amount of the third-party benefits up to the total medical assistance provided or to place a sum equal to the full amount of the total medical assistance provided in a trust account pending judicial or administrative determination of the department's right to the third-party benefits.
 9. Notwithstanding any provision in this section to the contrary, the department is not required to seek reimbursement from, or may reduce or compromise a claim against, a liable third party on claims for which the amount it reasonably expects to recover will be less than the cost of recovery or for which recovery efforts will not be cost-effective. Cost-effectiveness is determined based on the following:
 - a. Actual and legal issues of liability as may exist between the recipient and the liable party;
 - b. Total funds available for settlement; and
 - c. An estimate of the cost to the department of pursuing its claim.

50-24.1-31. Optional medical assistance for families of children with disabilities.

1. The department shall establish and implement a buyin program under the federal Family Opportunity Act enacted as part of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 [Pub. L. 109-171; 120 Stat. 4; 42 U.S.C. 1396] to provide medical assistance and other health coverage options to families of children with disabilities and whose net income does not exceed two hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty line published by the federal office of management and budget applicable to the household size.
2. The department may not require the payment of a premium or disenroll an individual for failure to pay a premium for families of children with disabilities coverage during a federally declared emergency if collection of the premium may impact the receipt of federal funds.

50-24.1-32. Medical assistance - Services provided by physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses.

The medical assistance program must recognize physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses with the roles of nurse practitioner or certified nurse midwife as primary care providers with the same rights and responsibilities given primary care physicians under the medical assistance program. Any care provided by the physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse with the roles of nurse practitioner or certified nurse midwife as a primary care provider under the medical assistance program must be within the scope of the physician assistant's or advanced practice registered nurse's respective license.

50-24.1-33. Brain injury - Home and community-based services - Quality control.

1. As part of the personal care services program for eligible medical assistance recipients and as part of the department's services for eligible disabled and elderly individuals, the department shall provide home and community-based services to individuals who have a brain injury and meet the functional eligibility criteria for receipt of services.