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The purpose of this broadcast is to alert local departments of social services to a letter that was sent by the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) Estate Recovery Unit during the week of September 27, 2021. The "Premium Payment for Managed Care Organizations and Estate Recovery" letter was mailed to members who are 55 years of age or older and are enrolled in one of the Medallion 4.0 or Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus managed care plans.

The letter notified members who are age 55 or older that they are subject to Medicaid Estate Recovery upon death and that the premium payments made by Medicaid to the Managed Care plan will be included in the estate claim.

To ensure there are no gaps in coverage, DMAS Estate Recovery will be sending follow-up letters to all members who received the "Premium Payment for Managed Care Organizations and Estate Recovery" letter. They will be told that the letter was sent in error to some members and to disregard it. If they have taken steps to cancel coverage because of this letter, ask them to contact DMAS right away to get their health care coverage restored. They do not need to reapply, and DMAS will cover any medical costs they had after they canceled. Members can call DMAS at **1-855-242-8282. Select option 8 and explain that they received this letter.** It is important that they call no later than December 31, 2021, to make sure there are no gaps in health coverage. If clients have other questions about Estate Recovery or this issue, please ask them to call 1-804-786-5482.

Thank you for your assistance.