

STATE OF IDAHO
CATASTROPHIC HEALTH CARE COST BOARD

Policy: Settlements	Policy Number: 2011-05
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I. AUTHORITY:

Idaho Code § 31-3510, 31-3503A, 31-3518.

II. BACKGROUND:

The counties in the state of Idaho and the Catastrophic Health Care Cost Program (CAT) are responsible for paying the medical costs of individuals deemed to be medically indigent. They are also required by state law to be the payer of last resort for financial assistance.

Idaho Code provided for the process in dealing with medical indigency from the filing of an application, recording a lien, investigating an applicant, approval/denial of claims, payment of medical bills through repayment and settlement. The Catastrophic program is involved in these processes when cases exceed \$11,000.

Prior to March 2010 few settlement requests were brought before the CAT Board. Since then the counties have been informed to provide specific information for Board approval after review by the BOCC.

III. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to clearly specify that the CAT Board has a right of subrogation for cases in excess of \$11,000 as specified in Idaho Code.

IV. POLICY:

- For cases exceeding \$11,000 the CAT program shall be clearly named in any lien filed and in any reimbursement agreements with any party.
- To provide input on a timely basis, a subcommittee of the CAT Board shall be established to review any settlement requests from counties and provide recommendations to the full Board.

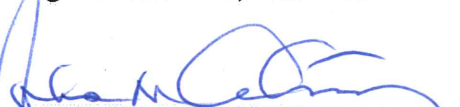
- When a county negotiates the settlement of a case which includes full lien release on payments that have been made by the CAT fund; and amount being considered for payment is a difference of twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the current amount due on the account, such county must notify the CAT program office and provide the following:
 - The original balance on the account
 - A reconciliation of the recommended settlement amounts
 - Payment history of the applicant and remaining balance due
 - Explanation for settlement
 - A description of the situation and source of settlement funds
- Upon notification by the county, the CAT program office shall provide all documentation to the settlement subcommittee for consideration. Once a decision is reached by the settlement committee, the CAT program office shall immediately notify the county of the decision. If the committee cannot come to a consensus, it will be referred to the full CAT Board for consideration.
- The only exception to this rule would be if the request is for settlement of an estate for a deceased person where no real property exists. The CAT board recognizes that very little room for negotiation exists in these situations. The BOCC may determine a reasonable settlement on behalf of the CAT fund.

V. OUTCOMES AND MONITORING:

This process requires ongoing training to all counties as settlements are unique. This will be accomplished by providing instruction at various trainings and meetings yearly.

Amended this 28th day of September, 2015.


Roger Christensen, Chairman


Richard Armstrong, Board Secretary