

MEDICAID ALERT

09/26/2014

Incorrect Stenson Notices to Some SSI Consumers

Effective October 1, 2014, responsibility for the administration of the State-only Supplemental portion of SSI benefits transferred from the Social Security Administration to the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. The OTDA State Supplement Program has advised that approximately 2,500 consumers eligible for State-only SSI benefits were incorrectly identified for closing as of 10/31/14. These consumers were sent a Stenson renewal notice. State systems staff are stopping these closings and will send a notice to these consumers informing them that the Stenson notice they received was sent in error and that Medicaid coverage will continue based on continued eligibility for the State-only Supplement payment. Additionally, New York State systems staff are taking actions to ensure no further consumers are affected by this issue.

Please note, however, this issue applies only to consumers who remain eligible for SSI State-only benefits. Consumers who have been found ineligible for SSI, including the State-only benefit, and receive a Stenson notice, must complete and return the notice in order to have their continuing eligibility for Medicaid evaluated.

PLEASE SHARE THIS ALERT WITH ALL APPROPRIATE STAFF