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**Third Party Liability**

Third party liability (TPL) refers to those payment resources available from both private and public health insurance and from other liable sources, such as liability and casualty insurance, which can be applied toward the recipient's medical and health expenses as Medicaid, by law, is intended to be the payer of last resort.

Providers must determine if recipients are covered by other third parties. If a recipient has other medical benefits, providers must bill all other third parties prior to billing Medicaid. Additional information about TPL can be found in Chapter 1, General Information and Administration, of the Louisiana Medicaid Manual. (See Appendix A for information on accessing this manual)