4. UTILIZATION OF HEALTH COVERAGE

a. **Pay and Chase**

Under Federal Law (42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(25)) health insurance belonging to a Medi-Cal beneficiary in a child or medical support enforcement case is used by the following method, also referred to as "pay and chase":

The provider of service will bill Medi-Cal. Medi-Cal will pay the provider of service. Thereafter, Medi-Cal will seek reimbursement from the other health coverage.

b. **Cost Avoidance**

When the other health insurance is a Prepaid Health Plan (PHP) or a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO), however, the dependent must utilize the plan's facilities for regular medical care. Out of area services or emergency care for such dependents are billed to the PHP/HMO.

5. DISTRICT ATTORNEY HEALTH INSURANCE INCENTIVE

a. Policy

Effective October 1, 1993, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) began paying the FSD/DA's an incentive of $50 for reporting health insurance coverage obtained as a result of enforcement activities for dependent children. Health insurance includes any third party insurance policy that provides coverage or benefits payable for:

Scope Code	Service Type	Services Covered
O	Outpatient	Hospital outpatient (e.g., lab work or physical therapy)
I	Inpatient	Hospital stays
M	Medical	Medical doctor visits
P	Prescriptions	Prescription drugs
L	Long term care	Long term care (e.g., nursing home) or coverage for a specific illness (e.g., cancer)
D	Dental	Dental coverage
V	Vision	Vision care

(NOTE: Health insurance does not include insurance coverage for automobile insurance, indemnity policies or periodic benefits for disability, hospitalization or income protection, coverage limited to a