

- (3) The children of a recipient of services.

16-102.

(a) It is the policy of this State to obligate each recipient of services and, to the extent provided in this title, those legally responsible for the recipient to pay, if financially able, for the cost of care that is received by the recipient of services. UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY STATUTE, THE RECIPIENT OF SERVICES AND THE CHARGEABLE PERSON SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE RECIPIENT OF SERVICES WAS ADMITTED VOLUNTARILY, INVOLUNTARILY, OR BY COURT ORDER. IF THE RECIPIENT OF SERVICES IS INVOLUNTARILY ADMITTED TO A PUBLIC FACILITY AND RELEASED AFTER EVALUATION, FOR FAILURE TO MEET THE STANDARDS FOR INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT, THE RECIPIENT OF SERVICES OR CHARGEABLE PERSON SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST OF CARE.

16-203.

(a) (1) The cost of care of a recipient of services shall be determined in accordance with the charges for services set under § 16-201 of this subtitle.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this title:

(i) Payment for this cost of care shall be made by the recipient of services or a chargeable person; [and]

(ii) Their liability for this payment is joint and several; AND

(III) THE INSURED OR POLICYHOLDER MAY NOT WITHHOLD THE PAYMENT AND SHALL ASSIGN TO THE DEPARTMENT ANY BENEFITS AVAILABLE UNDER THE POLICY FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO ANY INSURED COVERED BY THE POLICY.

(3) Liability may not be imposed under this title on any spouse or child of a recipient of services, if the spouse or child has been abandoned by the recipient of services. The Department shall adopt rules and regulations that define abandonment for the purposes of this subsection.

(b) (1) The Department:

(i) Shall set the time and amount of payments;
and

(ii) May change its orders as to payments, as circumstances may warrant.

(2) In setting the amount of payments, the Department: