

## Important: Using Common Benefit Identification Cards (CBIC) for Medical Services

Please read the information below for an explanation of your responsibilities as a Medicaid participant when using your CBIC card for medical services.

- You **can** use your CBIC when you need medical services from any provider who accepts Medicaid and if those services are covered by Medicaid. **You will need your CBIC for certain Medicaid-covered services (such as pharmacy) even if you join a Medicaid Managed Care Plan. Use your Plan card when you need Plan services.**
- Keep your CBIC and Plan cards in a safe place.
- The CBIC is for your use only. That is why your name, and in some cases your picture, is on it. No one else may use it. If anyone asks to borrow, buy or rent your CBIC card, call the Medicaid Fraud Hotline at **(212) 274-5030**. You do not have to give your name. Any information you give is confidential.

### Do not:

- Lend your CBIC or your child's Medicaid card to anyone else.
- Sell your CBIC. Do not give your card to someone for money, services, or anything else.

If we find out that you loaned or sold your CBIC, your Medicaid benefits may be reduced and we may refer this matter to the District Attorney.

### We also want to inform you that New York State law makes it a crime to:

- Obtain prescription drugs and medical supplies with a prescription not written by a medical doctor or other person authorized to issue a prescription.
- Sell prescription drugs without a license. Only a licensed pharmacist may sell prescription drugs.

If you know of anyone who needs Medicaid, tell them to call the HRA InfoLine at **(718) 557-1399** for the address of a Medicaid office.