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Under IC 4-22-2-23, the Office of the Secretary of Family and Social Services intends to adopt a rule concerning the following:

**OVERVIEW:** Amends 405 IAC 1-1-3 and 405 IAC 2-3-10 and adds new rules governing procedures for the automation of Medicaid spend-down eligibility determinations. Instead of the local Offices of Family and Children manually accounting for the recipients' incurred medical expenses and establishing a specific Medicaid effective date each month, providers will submit claims for medical services rendered to the Medicaid fiscal contractor who will deduct the spend-down amount and pay the claims accordingly. Will specify conditions under which providers can bill Medicaid recipients for all or part of the spend-down amount. Will specify procedures for certain types of medical expenses that cannot be handled through the automated process, such as the recipients' bills incurred prior to the Medicaid covered period or by non-Medicaid providers, and bills for nonrecipient spouses. Statutory authority: IC 12-8-6-5; IC 12-15-1-10; IC 12-15-21-2.