



## **PO 1315.1: Local GA Unit is Payor of Last Resort**

### **PR 1315.1.**

The local GA Unit is considered the "payor of last resort" for medical bills. This means that the local GA Unit pays the balance of a medical bill, up to the local GA Unit's rate, only after other available resources have paid their share. The local GA Unit may refuse to pay certain medical bills until the third party resource makes payment or shows that they are not liable for the claim. This is called cost avoidance.

When the amount of a third party's liability on a bill has not been established or is being disputed, the local GA Unit pays the medical bill.