

**441—80.6 (249A) Payment to provider—exception.** Payments for medical services may be made only to the provider of the services except as provided below:

**80.6(1) *Medical assistance corrective payments.*** Payment may be made to the client or county relief agency in accordance with rule 441—75.8(249A).

**80.6(2) *Assignment.*** Payment may be made in accordance with an assignment to a county for medical services received while the recipient was receiving interim assistance or while an appeal of a denial of medical assistance was pending.

**80.6(3) *Business agent of provider.*** Payment may be made to a business agent that furnishes statements and receives payments in the name of the provider if the agent's compensation is:

- a.* Related to the cost of processing the billing.
- b.* Not related on a percentage or other basis to the amount that is billed or collected.
- c.* Not dependent upon the collection of the payment.