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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Hospital Transmittal No. 283
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TO: Hospitals

FROM: Alex Shekhdar, Acting Director *Alexander Shekhdar*
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RE: Sunsetting of the Temporary Waiver of Requirements for Concurrent Reviews

Note: Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal.

On March 5, 2020, Governor Lawrence J. Hogan declared a state of emergency in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. As a result of the state of emergency, the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) issued a Secretary's Order on April 1, 2020, [COVID-19 #11: Temporary Waiver of Requirements for the Concurrent Review Process for Acute Care Hospitals](#), temporarily relaxing the submission requirements for concurrent reviews to provide hospitals with the flexibility to treat patients diagnosed with COVID-19. As announced by [the Governor on June 15](#), all emergency mandates and restrictions ended on July 1, with a 45-day administrative grace period through August 15. Therefore, MDH will be sunsetting the temporary waiver of requirements for acute care hospitals set forth in the aforementioned Order.

Effective August 15, 2021, MDH and its utilization control agent (UCA), Telligen, will resume enforcement of the requirements for concurrent review submissions in accordance with COMAR 10.09.92.06B. Concurrent reviews for Fee-for-Service inpatient hospitalizations must be submitted within 48 hours of the admission, or by the next business day, or the review will be technically denied. Additionally, the peer-to-peer process outlined in [Hospital Transmittal No. 265](#) will be reinstated on this date.

If you have any questions, please contact Denise James, Chief for the Division of Hospital Services at 410-767-1939 or denise.james@maryland.gov.