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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Medical Day Care Transmittal No. 84

July 1, 2014

TO: Medical Day Care Centers

FROM: Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director
Office of Health Services

RE: Fiscal Year 2015 Medical Day Care Service Per Diem Rate

NOTE: **Please ensure that the appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the content of this transmittal.**

Based on the State budget appropriation for Fiscal Year 2015, there will be no rate increase July 1, 2014; however, the budget does allow for an increase beginning in January 2015. The Maryland Medical Assistance Program is increasing the medical day care services per diem rate effective January 1, 2015 by 2.5 percent. The rate will be increased from \$73.58 to \$75.42 per day of service for services provided on or after January 1, 2015.

It must be noted that State regulation (COMAR 10.09.07.08E) does not allow the payment to a provider to exceed the lesser of the per diem rate and provider's customary charge to the general public. This means that a provider may not bill for the Medicaid per diem rate for any recipient if there are private pay participants for whom the provider charges less than the Medicaid per diem rate for the same service, unless based upon an approved sliding fee schedule. Providers who elect to use a sliding fee schedule should continue to follow the guidelines in Medical Day Care Transmittal No. 25, dated January 12, 1989. Regardless of whether a provider uses a sliding fee schedule, any provider who chooses to set its private charge below the Medicaid rate must bill Medicaid no more than its private charge.

Questions regarding this transmittal should be directed to the Division of Community Long Term Care, Medical Day Care Program Specialist at (410) 767-1444.

Cc: Maryland Association for Adult Day Services
LifeSpan Network
Health Facilities Association of Maryland
MDC Waiver Advisory Committee

