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**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
HOSPITAL TRANSMITTAL No. 208
April 1, 2010**

TO: Hospital Administrators
FROM: Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director
Office of Health Services
Susan J. Tucker
RE: Recovery of Inappropriate Payments for Non-Emergency Services
Rendered in Emergency Departments

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

The purpose of this transmittal is to announce that effective April 1, 2010, the Maryland Medicaid Program (Program) will review all emergency department hospital claims on a post-payment basis to ensure proper billing for non-emergency services rendered to fee-for-service recipients.

Claims with dates of service April 1, 2010 or later will be subject to the post-payment review using the attached list of ICD-9 codes. All claims containing an ICD-9 included on the attached list will be included on a monthly file sent to the Program's vendor, Health Compliance Associates, LLC (HCA). HCA will request an itemized bill for each claim that reflects charges beyond the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) triage fee and medically necessary ancillary services. Any payment for charges in excess of the triage fee and ancillaries will be recouped by the Program.

Please ensure that all billing staff are appropriately trained to include only the triage fee and ancillary charges on emergency department claims with applicable ICD-9 codes and dates of service on or after April 1, 2010.

If you have questions about the information in this transmittal, please contact Stephanie Oliver at olivers@dhhm.state.md.us or 410-767-1722.