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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
CLINIC TRANSMITTAL No. 57

May 8, 2003

TO: Drug Abuse Clinics
Managed Care Organizations

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

RE: **Billing Medical Assistance for Drug Abuse Clinic Services Related to Methadone Maintenance**

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

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The purpose of this transmittal is to advise drug abuse clinic providers that the procedure code used to bill for weekly drug abuse clinic services related to methadone maintenance is changing. This is being done to comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996, that requires the use of standard procedure codes nationwide.

For services performed on or after June 1, 2003, methadone maintenance drug abuse clinics must use new procedure code H0020 to bill Medical Assistance for fee-for-service weekly methadone maintenance related services. The Medical Assistance fee-for-service reimbursement for H0020 is the same as for the old procedure code. For services performed through May 31, 2003, methadone maintenance drug abuse clinics should continue to use procedure code W9993. However, for services performed after this date, W9993 will no longer be active.

Clinics that have contracts with MCOs should use only procedure code H0020 to bill those MCOs for weekly methadone maintenance related services performed on or after June 1, 2003. For services performed before June 1, 2003, continue to use W9993 or H0020 to bill for contracted services.

If there are questions regarding this transmittal, please contact the Staff Specialist for Free-Standing Clinics at 410-767-1489.