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**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

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To: Community First Choice (CFC) and Medical Assistance Personal Care (MAPC)  
Personal Assistance Agency Providers

From: Mark A. Leeds, Director  
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Due to changes in federal rules, the CFC and MAPC programs must make changes to their provider networks for personal assistance services.

As of October 1, 2015, the programs will change to an agency-only model. The programs will no longer pay independent providers for services. In order to continue working for the program, independent providers must work for an agency.

Program participants must select an agency provider before October 1<sup>st</sup>.

You may see an increase in referrals from the program. Participants may ask you to hire their current worker. These providers are experienced and have been chosen by a participant. Maintaining these relationships is ideal for participants.

Agencies are encouraged to hire independent providers.

The current independent provider rate is \$12.58 per hour. Agencies are free to set their own worker rates, but are encouraged to maintain existing pay rates. The agency hourly rate remains unchanged at \$16.48 per hour.

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