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*In an effort to give timely notice to the pharmacy community concerning important pharmacy topics, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's (DHMH) **Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program (MMPP)** has developed the **Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program Advisory**. To expedite information timely to the pharmacy and prescriber communities, an email network has been established which incorporates the email lists of the Maryland Pharmacists Association, EPIC, CARE, Long Term Care Consultants, headquarters of all chain drugstores and prescriber associations and organizations. It is our hope that the information is disseminated to all interested parties. If you have not received this email through any of the previously noted parties or via DHMH, please contact the MMPP representative at 410-767-1455.*

DEA Schedules Tramadol As a Schedule IV Controlled Substance

On July 2, 2014, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) published its Final Rule* placing tramadol into Schedule IV of the Controlled Substances Act (CSA). The scheduling of tramadol as a Schedule IV drug will begin on August 18, 2014.

The Maryland Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) requires controlled dangerous substances (CDS) dispensers, including pharmacies and healthcare practitioners, to report certain information on Schedules II through V CDS dispensed to a patient or a patient's agent in Maryland. Therefore, tramadol as a Schedule IV drug will be added to the list of those drugs that dispensers are required to report to the PDMP.

Useful Links:

PDMP: <http://adaa.dhmh.maryland.gov/PDMP/SitePages/Home.aspx>

*Final Rule: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-07-02/pdf/2014-15548.pdf>