



MARYLAND PHARMACY PROGRAM

Medicaid - Pharmacy Assistance – Pharmacy Discount

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ADVISORY

*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 Pharmacy Program (MPP)** has developed the **Maryland 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 MPP representative at 410-767-5395.*

Maryland Medicaid Program – Planned System Upgrade

This notice is to inform you that the Point-of-Sale system for Maryland Medicaid will be unavailable from 6pm Saturday April 16, 2005 until 12pm Sunday April 17, 2005 due to a system upgrade.

During this time period we are asking providers who are in need of assistance to refer to the following information:

- First Health technical call center will be available to provide assistance at 1-800-884-3238
- For eligibility verification, please use the EVS system at :
 - Baltimore area (410) 333-3020
 - Baltimore area (410) 333-3021
 - Toll free (800) 492-2134
- For drug coverage, please refer to the departments website at <http://www.dhmh.state.md.us/mma/mpap/druglist.html> or to <http://mdmedicaidrx.fhsc.com/>

All providers should be able to begin submitting claims in the system on the afternoon of Sunday April 17, 2005.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause.