



# MARYLAND MEDICAID PHARMACY PROGRAM

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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 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.*

### Dispensing Fee Changes

As required by the 2012 budget passed by the Maryland General Assembly, effective July 1, 2011, the Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program is changing the pharmacy dispensing fees paid for fee-for-service prescriptions. The dispensing fee for retail prescriptions will be \$3.51 for generic drugs and brand name drugs on the Preferred Drug List, and \$2.56 for brand name drugs not on the Preferred Drug List. The dispensing fee for prescriptions for recipients residing in nursing facilities will be \$4.46 for generic drugs and brand name drugs on the Preferred Drug List, and \$3.51 for brand name drugs not on the Preferred Drug List.

For prescriptions for individuals in the Maryland Kidney Disease Program (KDP), Maryland Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment Program (BCCDT) and Maryland AIDS Drug Assistance Program (MADAP), the dispensing fee will be \$3.51 for generic drugs and \$2.56 for brand name drugs.

The above changes do not apply to prescriptions paid by managed care organizations.

Questions concerning this Advisory should be directed to the Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program, 410-767-1455.