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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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TO: Managed Care Organizations
 Hospitals
 Obstetricians
 Physicians
 Physician Assistants
 Nurse Practitioners
 Nurse Midwives
 Local Health Departments

FROM: Sandra Kick, Director, Medical Benefits Management

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra E. Kick".

RE: Maryland Prenatal Risk Assessment Revision - Consent to Share Information with
 Local Health Departments for Service Referrals

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

This transmittal is to notify providers of an update to the Maryland Prenatal Risk Assessment (MPRA). This transmittal supersedes Managed Care Organization Transmittal No. 155 (PT 41-22) dated April 29, 2022. The MPRA is used by prenatal providers and managed care organizations (MCOs) in developing individualized plans of care for every pregnant individual. This process includes making referrals to community resources and to the maternal and child health benefits that Maryland Medicaid offers, such as home visiting services, MOM case management services, doula services, HealthySteps, and CenteringPregnancy services.

Language has been added to the MPRA tool for providers to advise patients that their information may be shared directly with their local health department (LHD) to connect them with services:

Prior to administering the assessment, please read the following statement to the patient: “Information from this assessment may be shared with your local health department to help connect you to services.”

Previously, the MPRA could not be shared between different LHD units. This change will increase LHD efficiency, facilitate enrolling patients in more programs, and save patients from being asked duplicative, sensitive questions.

COMAR 10.67.04.08 requires that the MPRA tool be completed for all Medicaid participants at the first prenatal care visit. This regulation also requires that the MCOs contracted prenatal care providers will, within 10 days of completing the MPRA, forward the MPRA to the local health department in the jurisdiction in which the pregnant individual lives.

For additional information about MPRA and to access the updated form, please visit this link: <https://bit.ly/3BfwQsB>.

For questions regarding Medicaid’s reproductive health services, contact the HealthChoice Pregnancy and Family Planning Helpline at 1-800-456-8900.