| **COMAR** | **Title** | **PURPOSE** | **AELR DATE** | **DATE of 1st Printing in MD REG** | **DATE of FINAL print in MD. REG.** | **APPROVED**  **(10 days after final)** |
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| 10.09.49 | Telemedicine Services | The purpose of this action is to expand the definition of rural counties to include Carroll, Frederick and Harford. The proposal also removes the requirement that the technology be accredited by a Department-recognized national organization. | 12/13/13 | 2/7/14 |  |  |
| 10.09.54,  10.09.55 | Home and Community-Based Options Waiver  Living at Home Waiver Program | The purpose of this proposal is to remove services that will be covered under a new State Plan program, 10.09.84 Community First Choice, and to implement the Home and Community-Based Options Waiver to include all remaining services and cover all participants previously eligible for services under the Home/Community Based Services Waiver for Older Adults and the Living at Home Waiver Program under a single program. | 12/13/13 | 1/24/14 |  |  |
| 10.09.62.01  10.09.63.01, .02, .03, and .05  10.09.65.02, .08, .20, and .23  10.09.66.06  10.09.67.20, .27, .29, and .31  10.09.70.06 | Managed Care Program: Definitions  Eligibility and Enrollment  Managed Care Organizations  Access  Benefits  Specialty Mental Health System | The purposes of this action are to:  1) Remove references to the Primary Adult Care (PAC) Program that is ending January 1, 2014;  2) Clarify that both the MCO and the Department must approve a recipients enrollment in an MCO that does not service the recipients area of residence;  3) Correct the name of the Health Service Needs Information form;  4) Remove obsolete language requiring a Managed Care Organizations (MCO) to in include the words MCO in its name;  5) Require MCOs who voluntarily freeze enrollments in a county to remain frozen for the current and next calendar years;  6) Remove obsolete language regarding referral to the Healthy Start Case Management Program;  7) Add payment for services at a birth center to the payment for self-referred service list;  8) Clarify the definitions of rural, urban and suburban and remove the drive time requirements under the provider geographical access standards;  9) Remove incorrect reference to communication devices from the EPDT regulations as the devices were carved out for adults and children in January of 2010;  10) Add language to carve out dialysis services rendered in an emergency department under certain circumstances; and  11) Add telemedicine as an MCO covered benefit; | 12/13/13 | 1/24/14 |  |  |
| 10.09.03, .05 | Pharmacy Services | The purpose of this action is to modify the current Medical Assistance pharmacy regulations to make them reflect current practice, and to incorporate recent recommendation by the Office of Attorney General. | 11/19/13 | 12/27/13 |  |  |
| 10.09.88 | Portable X-ray providers | The purpose of this proposal is to implement policies and procedures for providers that render Portable X-ray services. | 12/13/13 | 2/7/14 |  |  |
| 10.09.87 | Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities | The purpose of this proposal is to implement policies and procedures for Free-standing Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities. | 12/13/13 | 2/7/14 |  |  |
| 10.09.06.09 | Hospital Services | The purpose of this proposal is to increase Maryland Medicaid’s reimbursement for Institutions of Mental Disease (IMD) from 84 percent to 94 percent of Medicare’s reimbursement rate, effective April 1, 2013. | 10/31/13 | 12/13/13 |  |  |
| 10.09.10.7-1 | Nursing Facility Services | The purpose of this action is to extend the Interim Working Capital Fund for one year to May 1, 2014. | 9/27/13 | 11/15/13 | 1/24/14 | 2/3/14 |
| 10.09.18 | Oxygen and Related Resp. Equipment Services | The purpose of this proposal is to decrease Maryland Medicaid reimbursement for oxygen and related respiratory equipment from 90 percent to 85 percent of Medicare’s reimbursement rate, effective July 1, 2013. | 9/27/13 | 11/15/13 | 1/24/14 | 2/3/14 |
| 10.09.12 | DMS and DME | The purpose of this proposal is to decrease Maryland Medicaid’s reimbursement for disposable medical supplies and durable medical equipment from 90 percent to 85 percent of Medicare’s reimbursement rate, effective July 1, 2013. | 9/27/13 | 11/15/13 | 1/24/14 | 2/3/14 |
| 10.09.84 | Community First Choice | The purpose of this action is to implement a program covering personal assistance services, emergency back-up systems, transition services, and items that substitute for human assistance, for Medicaid-eligible individuals who require an institutional level of care. | 10/31/13 | 12/13/13 |  |  |
| 10.09.02.04 | Physician’s Services | These changes will be to bring 10.09.02.04 A. (1) c in line with the terms for participation already stated in 10.09.01.03 B. (2) | 9/16/13 | 11/1/13 | 1/24/14 | 2/3/14 |
| 10.09.86 | Maryland Independent Review Org. | The purpose of this proposal is to establish an independent review process for adjudicating disputes between providers and managed care organizations regarding denials of providers’ claims for reimbursement for MCO covered services on grounds that the services were not medically necessary. | 9/6/13 | 10/18/13 |  |  |
| 10.09.65.19, 10.09.76.14 | Maryland Medicaid Managed Care Prog: MCO’s | The purpose of this proposal is to Implement the mid –year adjustment to the CY 2013 MCO’s HealthChoice and PAC capitation rates effective July 1, 2013. | 9/27/13 | 11/15/13 | 1/24/14 | 2/3/14 |
| 10.09.22 | Free-Standing Dialysis Facility Services | The purpose of this proposal is to update policies and procedures for Free-standing Dialysis Facility Services | 10/10/13 | 11/15/13 | 2/7/14 | 2/17/14 |
| 10.09.85 | Free-Standing Birth Centers | The purpose of this proposal is to implement regulations to allow Free-Standing Birth Centers to be participating providers in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program. | 12/13/13 | 2/7/14 |  |  |
| 10.09.53 | EPSDT: PDN Services for Individuals Under Age 21 | The purpose of this proposal is to amend language in order to clarify required clinical experience, specify documentation requirements, limit the total number of hours a nurse is scheduled to work, establish payment for supervisory visits, limit the provision of private duty nursing services in specified settings, clarify instances when services are covered, add delegated nursing services to include certified nursing assistant (CNA) with medication technician certification, and home health aide (HHA) with medication technician certification, and establish a rate differential for a registered nurse (RN) and a licensed practical nurse (LPN) effective October 1, 2013. | 6/4/13 | 7/12/13 |  |  |