




## Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

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**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM****Medical Day Care Transmittal No. 83****June 6, 2013**

TO: Medical Day Care Centers

FROM:   
Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director  
Office of Health Services

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

RE: Fiscal Year 2014 Medical Day Care Services Per Diem Rate

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The Maryland Medical Day Care Program is increasing reimbursement for medical day care services effective July 1, 2013. The rate will be increased from \$71.79 to \$73.58 per day of service. The rate increase is established at 2.5 percent in accordance with the State's budget for Fiscal Year 2014 (COMAR 10.09.07.08D(2)).

It must be noted that State regulation (COMAR 10.09.07.08E) does not allow the payment to a provider to exceed the lesser of the per diem rate and provider's customary charge to the general public. This means that a provider may not bill for the Medicaid per diem rate for any recipient if there are private pay participants for whom the provider charges less than the Medicaid per diem rate for the same service, unless based upon an approved sliding fee schedule. Providers who elect to use a sliding fee schedule should continue to follow the guidelines in Medical Day Care Transmittal No. 25 dated January 12, 1989. Regardless of whether a provider uses a sliding fee schedule, any provider who chooses to set its private charge below the Medicaid rate must bill Medicaid no more than its private charge.

Questions regarding this transmittal should be directed to the Division of Community Long Term Care Medical Day Care Program Specialists at 410-767-1444.

cc: Maryland Association for Adult Day Services  
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MDC Waiver Advisory Committee