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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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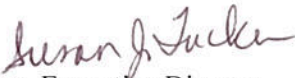
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TO: Clinics
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Managed Care Organizations
Nurse Midwives
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Physicians

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

RE: Update to Evaluation and Management Rates Effective January 1, 2014

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

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) provided Maryland our calendar year (CY) 2014 primary care rates in February 2014. For Evaluation and Management (E&M) codes 99201-99285, 99291-99337, 99341-99357, 99381-99397, 99406-99409, 99460-99486, 99495 and 99496, the CY 2014 rates are effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2014.

The CY 2014 primary care rates are slightly lower than CY 2013 rates (approximately 2 to 4% depending on the procedure code).

Due to the delayed receipt of the CY 2014 rates, the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Department) did not implement the slightly lower CY 2014 rates until early March 2014. This means the Department overpaid providers for dates of service between January 1, 2014 and early March. The Department will be recouping overpayments made to providers performing primary care services for dates of

service January 1, 2014 until early March. This recoupment will be in the form of adjustments to future payments. The Department will adjust each overpaid claim and the change will show on your remittance advice and 835 transaction if you bill electronically.

As a result of the CY 2014 rate decrease, HealthChoice Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) and ValueOptions (VO) will also have to recover overpayments. The recovery timeline will vary slightly depending on when each MCO or when VO loaded the rates into their payment systems. In most cases, MCOs and VO will recoup overpayments for services billed at the higher CY 2013 rates from January 1, 2014 until mid-April 2014.

Vaccines for Children (VFC) administration rates have not changed.

The CY 2014 fee schedule is posted at:
dhmh.maryland.gov/providerinfo

Please direct any questions related to this information or general questions about the PCP Fee Increase to:
dhmh.primarycareattestation@maryland.gov