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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM Managed Care Organization Transmittal No. 64 April 2, 2007

TO:	Managed Care Organizations
FROM:	Managed Care Organizations Jump Jull Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director Office of Health Services
<u>NOTE:</u>	Please ensure that the appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal.
RE:	Amendments to HealthChoice Regulations

The Maryland Medical Assistance Program has adopted, as proposed, amendments to COMAR 10.09.63 Maryland Medicaid Managed Care Program: Eligibility and Enrollment, COMAR 10.09.65 Maryland Medicaid Managed Care Program: Managed Care Organizations, COMAR 10.09.66 Maryland Medicaid Managed Care Program: Access and COMAR 10.09.67 Maryland Medicaid Managed Care Program: Benefits. The amendments were published in the January 19, 2007 issue of the Maryland Register, and will be effective April 9, 2007.

These amendments:

(1) Add two new programs, Employed Person with Disabilities and Adult Primary Care, to the list of recipients not eligible for HeathChoice;

(2) Change language regarding effective date of disenrollment when a member relocates out of state to coincide with current operating procedures and clarify that the relocation must be permanent;

(3) Allocate 25 percent of the Statewide supplemental payment to increase MCO quality performance measure incentives;

(4) Add language requiring MCOs to participate in a monthly enrollment reconciliation process;

(5) Add current dates and new rates for Statewide supplemental payments;

(6) Add new zip codes to local access area chart;

(7) Correct COMAR citation number under COMAR 10.09.67.22; and

(8) Add emergency services to the list of self referred services.

Questions regarding these amendments should be directed to the Division of HealthChoice Management and Quality Assurance at (410) 767-1482.