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**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**  
**Pharmacy Transmittal No. 165**

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Pharmacists

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

**MCHP Premium – The Maryland Children’s Health Program (MCHP) Expansion**

Effective July 1, 2001, the State of Maryland is expanding medical and pharmacy coverage to children with family incomes above 200% but at or below 300% of the federal poverty level. These new enrollees will either have health coverage privately through their employers health insurance program named Employer Sponsored Insurance (ESI) or through the Department of Health’s Managed Care Program (HealthChoice). Children enrolled in HealthChoice have the same benefits as other HealthChoice enrollees, including no co-payments for pharmaceuticals.

Children enrolled in ESI are also not responsible for cost-sharing expenses such as deductible, co-payments and co-insurance. The Department will be responsible for the cost-sharing expenses. Eligible recipients (children) will receive a secondary insurance I.D. card (shown below).

 <b>MCHP Premium</b>	
Member Name:	
Member #:	
Employer:	
Group #:	
	
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**Providers:**  
The Maryland Children’s Health Program expansion, MCHP Premium, provides children secondary insurance benefits, as a supplement to their primary insurance plan to cover eligible cost-sharing expenses not paid by the primary insurance plan.  
**For Medical Claims:** Submit cost-sharing claims along with an explanation of benefits from the primary plan to the state’s contractor:

Fidelity Benefit Administrators  
P.O. Box 923 Hunt Valley, Maryland 21030  
Customer Service (410) 785-1880

**For Pharmacy Claims:** Bill the primary Rx plan first, then bill First Health Services Corporation (FHSC) for any copay, coinsurance or deductible amounts. Use the MC/PA field for this amount.  
**Questions:** Contact FHSC Call Center at 1(800)884-3238.

All medical services cost-sharing expenses will be administered by the Department's contractor, Fidelity Insurance Company. Pharmacy cost-sharing expenses will be processed on-line by the Department's Point of Sale contractor, First Health Services Corporation (FHSC).

**Billing Instructions**

For pharmacy services, bill the primary pharmacy card insurance first. When payment is acknowledged and a co-pay, deductible or co-insurance is requested, bill the prescription on-line through FHSC placing the cost-sharing amount in the PA/MC field. The payment response will be equal to the amount placed in the PA/MC field.

Payments will be made by the Department's Medical Care Program's weekly payment process. All payments will be reported on the provider's remittance advice.

If you have any processing problems, contact the FHSC Call Center at 1-800-884-3238. For additional information, please contact DHMH at 410-767-5369.