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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM Nursing Home Transmittal No. 177

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TO:

Nursing Home Administrators

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:

Nurse Practitioner Costs

The purpose of this transmittal is to clarify the circumstances under which costs incurred by nursing facilities for nurse practitioner services may be allowable costs on a provider's Nursing Home Uniform Cost Report.

Costs incurred for services rendered by nurse practitioners that are reimbursable through the Medicaid Physicians' Services Program, the Medicaid Nurse Practitioner Services Program or Medicare are not allowable on the cost report. However, certain nurse practitioner costs are allowable to the extent that the costs are applicable to a line item on the cost report. Examples of such costs include quality assurance and training costs, included on Schedule G, and routine nursing salary costs, included on Schedule D. These costs must be documented by time studies or another appropriate mechanism.

Any questions regarding this transmittal should be directed to the Nursing Home Section of the Division of Long Term Care Services at (410) 767-1444.

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cc: Nursing Home Liaison Committee