



# MARYLAND MEDICAID PHARMACY PROGRAM

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## ADVISORY

*In an effort to give timely notice to the pharmacy community concerning important pharmacy topics, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's (DHMH) **Maryland Pharmacy Program (MPP)** has developed the **Maryland Pharmacy Program Advisory**. To expedite information timely to the pharmacy and prescriber communities, an email network has been established which incorporates the email lists of the Maryland Pharmacists Association, EPIC, CARE, Long Term Care Consultants, headquarters of all chain drugstores and prescriber associations and organizations. It is our hope that the information is disseminated to all interested parties. If you have not received this email through any of the previously noted parties or via DHMH, please contact the MPP representative at 410-767-1455.*

### SAMPLE PAIN MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS

One of the concerns of the Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program is the inappropriate use of controlled substances. The Corrective Managed Care (CMC) program was established to address this concern. The CMC reviews drug claims data monthly for potential misuse of controlled drugs among recipients. This review screens for fee-for-service recipients who have obtained duplicate drug therapy, have sought out multiple prescribers for similar medications, and/or have patronized multiple pharmacies. The CMC program has the ability to restrict, or lock-in fee-for-service recipients to one pharmacy if there is evidence suggesting drug misuse that cannot otherwise be managed.

Because the CMC program makes ongoing efforts to deter drug misuse, it is offering sample pain management agreements on the Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy website at <http://www.dhmh.state.md.us/mma/mpap/painmanagement.htm>. These agreements facilitate communication between prescribers and patients about the expectations of a pain treatment drug regimen. The CMC does not endorse any specific agreement, nor is it a requirement of the Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program. On the Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program website the samples can be found on the menu of Information for Providers under Drug Utilization Review.