

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.

Over-The-Counter Plan B Coverage

Following FDA's ruling in April 2009, the Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program allows female recipients age 17 or older to obtain Plan B without a prescription. Female recipients age 16 and under are required to have a valid prescription order from a prescriber. Claims for OTC Plan B may be submitted electronically in much the same manner as claims for condoms. Enter the NPI number of the pharmacy in both the Prescriber ID field and the Provider ID field (field 411-DB and 444-E9 respectively). The pharmacist will create a document with all relevant information, sign it and have the recipient sign it when the Plan B is dispensed. This document should be retained and ready for audit as would a prescription. There is a limit of one Plan B prescription every three months.

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