

MARYLAND MEDICAID PHARMACY PROGRAM

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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.

New Operating System for MMPP Claims

The Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program's electronic claims processing system will be upgraded on January 2, 2013. We do not expect our participating pharmacy providers to notice anything different, nor to have to do anything differently. The upgrade will provide us with a more technologically advanced and programmatically flexible claims processing solution. Again, the transformation is designed to have no impact on providers.

Prior to January 2, 2013 a testing environment, where all interested providers will have the opportunity to submit test claims, will be made available. If you would like to participate in testing, please e-mail our vendor, Xerox Services, LLC (formerly ACS) at Provider.Relations@Xerox.com to request testing access. Further, the State will conduct a comprehensive parallel system test to ensure the same results from both the current and new systems are achieved.

We will continue to keep you informed of the progress towards our planned transition. Xerox Services, LLC will issue additional notices at the ends of October, November and December regarding our progress.