

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 Medicaid Pharmacy Program** (MMPP) has developed the **Maryland Medicaid 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 MMPP representative at 410-767-1455.

New COMAR Regulations

* Return to Stock and Automatic Refill requirements *

Effective March 31, 2014, Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Providers must comply with following new regulations:

COMAR 10.09.03.03 (M) and (N):

- M. Reverse invoice charges for any prescription not picked up by the recipient or their designee within 14 days;
- N. Maintain a record of a recipient or designee's written authorization for automatic refill, if automatic refills are provided;

COMAR 10.09.03.05 (C) (2) (c):

(c) The pharmacy may not automatically refill a prescription unless authorized in writing by the recipient or their designee.

For the entire COMAR governing pharmacy services, please visit: <u>http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/SubtitleSearch.aspx?search=10.09.03.*</u>