| **COMAR** | **TITLE** | **PURPOSE** | **AELR DATE** | **DATE OF 1ST PRINTING IN MD REG** | **DATE OF FINAL PRINT IN MD. REG.** | **APPROVED**  **(10 DAYS AFTER FINAL)** |
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| 10.09.33.01 | Health Homes: Definitions | The purpose of this amendment is to correct a cross-reference. | 3/7/14 | 4/18/14 |  |  |
| 10.09.02.05 | Physicians’ Services | The purpose of this proposal is to bring the regulation into line with current Federal policy by removing the limitation on coverage of audiometric tests solely for prescribing hearing aids. | 2/14/14 | 3/21/14 |  |  |
| 10.09.65.19,  10.09.76.14 | Maryland Medicaid Managed Care Prog: MCO’s | The purpose of this proposal is to Implement the calendar year 2014 MCO’s HealthChoice rates and to repeal the Primary Adult Care Program as the program ended effective 12/31/13. | 3/7/14 | 4/18/14 |  |  |
| 10.09.49 | Telemedicine Services | The purpose of this action is to expand the definition of rural counties to include Carroll, Frederick and Harford. The proposal also removes the requirement that the technology be accredited by a Department-recognized national organization. | 12/13/13 | 2/7/14 | 4/18/14 | 4/28/14 |
| 10.09.54,  10.09.55 | Home and Community-Based Options Waiver  Living at Home Waiver Program | The purpose of this proposal is to remove services that will be covered under a new State Plan program, 10.09.84 Community First Choice, and to implement the Home and Community-Based Options Waiver to include all remaining services and cover all participants previously eligible for services under the Home/Community Based Services Waiver for Older Adults and the Living at Home Waiver Program under a single program. | 12/13/13 | 1/24/14 | 4/18/14 | 4/28/14 |
| 10.09.62.01  10.09.63.01, .02, .03, .05, and .06  10.09.65.02, .08, .19, .20, and .23  10.09.66.06  10.09.67.04,.20, .29, and .31  10.09.70.06  10.09.71 | Managed Care Program: Definitions  Eligibility and Enrollment  Managed Care Organizations  Access  Benefits  Specialty Mental Health System  MCO Dispute Resolution Procedures | The purposes of this action are to:  1) Remove references to the Primary Adult Care (PAC) Program that is ending January 1, 2014;  2) Clarify that both the MCO and the Department must approve a recipients enrollment in an MCO that does not service the recipients area of residence;  3) Correct the name of the Health Service Needs Information form;  4) Remove obsolete language requiring a Managed Care Organizations (MCO) to in include the words MCO in its name;  5) Require MCOs who voluntarily freeze enrollments in a county to remain frozen for the current and next calendar years;  6) Remove obsolete language regarding referral to the Healthy Start Case Management Program;  7) Add payment for services at a birth center to the payment for self-referred service list;  8) Clarify the definitions of rural, urban and suburban and remove the drive time requirements under the provider geographical access standards;  9) Remove incorrect reference to communication devices from the EPDT regulations as the devices were carved out for adults and children in January of 2010;  10) Add language to carve out dialysis services rendered in an emergency department under certain circumstances; and  11) Add telemedicine as an MCO covered benefit; | 12/13/13 | 1/24/14 | 4/18/14 | 4/28/14 |
| 10.09.88 | Portable X-ray providers | The purpose of this proposal is to implement policies and procedures for providers that render Portable X-ray services. | 12/13/13 | 2/7/14 | 4/18/14 | 4/28/14 |
| 10.09.87 | Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities | The purpose of this proposal is to implement policies and procedures for Free-standing Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities. | 12/13/13 | 2/7/14 | 4/18/14 | 4/28/14 |
| 10.09.86 | Maryland Independent Review Org. | The purpose of this proposal is to establish an independent review process for adjudicating disputes between providers and managed care organizations regarding denials of providers’ claims for reimbursement for MCO covered services on grounds that the services were not medically necessary. | 9/6/13 | 10/18/13 | 4/18/14 | 4/28/14 |
| 10.09.85 | Free-Standing Birth Centers | The purpose of this proposal is to implement regulations to allow Free-Standing Birth Centers to be participating providers in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program. | 12/13/13 | 2/7/14 | 4/18/14 | 4/28/14 |