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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Local Health Department Transmittal No. 6

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TO: Local Health Departments

FROM: 
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Office of Health Services

RE: Implementation of the interRAI-Pediatric Home Care Assessment, interRAI Coding Clarification, and Prioritization of LHD Assessments

NOTE: **Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal.**

This transmittal confirms implementation of the interRAI Pediatric Home Care Assessment Form (interRAI-PEDS) for Medicaid home and community-based services, clarifies the coding for standby assistance on both the interRAI-HC and interRAI-PEDS tools, and provides direction for the prioritization of LHD/Adult Evaluation and Review Services (AERS) assessments.

InterRAI-PEDS Assessment

On September 30, 2017, the interRAI-PEDS was implemented in the *LTSSMaryland* tracking system. Effective October 1, 2017, all assessments completed for individuals under the age of 18 years old must be completed using the interRAI-PEDS tool. The Department will no longer accept or reimburse for DHMH 302B assessments conducted after September 30, 2017.

Standby Assistance

Standby assistance means hands-on assistance but no help that involves weight-bearing support, including guided maneuvering of limbs and physical guidance without taking weight. For both the interRAI-HC and interRAI-PEDS assessments, assessors are to code standby assistance as level 3 "limited assistance." An individual in need of standby assistance must require more than supervision of ADL tasks and should be scored as described above.

Assessment Prioritization

Local Health Department/AERS programs should complete assessments in the following order of priority:

1. interRAI evaluations for registry applicants to the Home and Community-Based Options Waiver
2. Significant change interRAI evaluations for participants
3. Initial interRAI evaluations for applicants not from the registry
4. Re-determination/annual interRAI evaluations for participants
5. Assessments for other non-Medicaid programs or purposes

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