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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

201 W. Preston Street • Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Martin O'Malley, Governor – Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor – Joshua M. Sharfstein, M.D., Secretary

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Dear Provider:

Recently, the Program sent a letter informing you of upcoming changes in enrollment of Medicaid durable medical equipment, disposable medical supply and oxygen providers. We have recently identified exemptions from the requirement as well as set a date of implementation.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has implemented new accreditation requirements for Medicaid medical equipment and supply providers. To ensure that these requirements are met, the Maryland Medicaid Program will require that all oxygen, and medical equipment and supply providers are enrolled and accredited with Medicare as a prerequisite to enrolling as a Maryland Medicaid provider. Providers currently enrolled with the program and not yet accredited with Medicare, have until October 1, 2011 to present proof of Medicare enrollment or that an application has been filed to be an accredited Medicare provider. Providers who have not enrolled with Medicare and submitted proof of enrollment by April 1, 2012 will be terminated from the program and will have to reenroll under the new requirement.

Providers exempt from Medicare accreditation requirements (i.e., Orthotists and Prosthetists, including Ocularists) will be exempt from these Medicaid requirements to the extent that they are providing equipment and supplies directly related to these specialties. If they choose to provide other medical equipment or supplies, accreditation will be required to obtain/maintain an active enrollment status.

Documentation of Medicare enrollment may be forwarded to the Division of Community Support Services via the following:

**Mail** - 201 W. Preston Street, Room 136A,  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

**Fax** - 410-333-5052

**Email** – [DCSS@dhmh.state.md.us](mailto:DCSS@dhmh.state.md.us)

Providers should ensure that a contact name and number are available. Any questions regarding this transmittal may be directed to a staff specialist at 410-767-1739.

Sincerely,

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Chief  
Division of Community Support Services