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Hospital Transmittal No. 185
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TO: Disposable Medical Supplies and Durable Medical
Equipment Providers
Nursing Facility Administrators
Hospital Administrators
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FROM: Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director
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NOTE: Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are
informed of the contents of this transmittal.

SUBJECT: Coverage of Prostheses and Repairs of Purchased Equipment for
Institutionalized Recipients

The purpose of this transmittal is to clarify the Maryland Medical Assistance Program's policy regarding coverage of prostheses and equipment repairs for institutionalized recipients. Coverage of disposable medical supplies and durable medical equipment (DMS/DME) is generally limited to supplies and equipment used in the home. Prosthetic devices (new or replacement), however, are reimbursable under the DMS/DME program when the recipient is in a nursing facility, private psychiatric hospital, residential treatment center, or other institution where payment for prosthetic devices is not included in the daily Medicaid rate.

Repairs to equipment purchased prior to institutionalization are reimbursable under DMS/DME when the recipient is in a hospital, nursing facility or other medical institution. Please note, however, that equipment repairs costing more than \$500 must be preauthorized. It is also important to note that equipment repairs for institutionalized recipients are limited to those items purchased while the recipient was in the community and brought with him to the facility. Repairs to medical equipment purchased by and belonging to the facility must be paid for by the facility.

Any questions regarding this transmittal should be addressed to the Staff Specialist for DMS/DME at 410-767-1739 or email to howardc@dnhm.state.md.us.

