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**Maryland Medical Assistance Program  
Pharmacy Transmittal No. 195  
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**TO:** Pharmacies  
Managed Care Organizations

**FROM:** Charles E. Lehman, Executive Director   
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**NOTE:** Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organizations are informed of the contents of this transmittal.

**RE:** **Changes to Pharmacy Dispensing Fee**

As required by the 2012 budget passed by the Maryland General Assembly, effective July 1, 2011, the Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program is changing the pharmacy dispensing fees paid for fee-for-service prescriptions. The dispensing fee for retail prescriptions will be \$3.51 for generic drugs and brand name drugs on the Preferred Drug List and \$2.56 for brand name drugs not on the Preferred Drug List. The dispensing fee for prescriptions for recipients residing in nursing facilities will be \$4.46 for generic drugs and brand name drugs on the Preferred Drug List and \$3.51 for brand name drugs not on the Preferred Drug List.

For prescriptions for individuals in the Maryland Kidney Disease Program (KDP), Maryland Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment Program (BCCDT) and Maryland AIDS Drug Assistance Program (MADAP), the dispensing fee will be \$3.51 for generic drugs and \$2.56 for brand name drugs.

The above changes do not apply to prescriptions paid by managed care organizations.

Questions concerning this transmittal should be directed to the Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program, 410-767-1455.

