



MARYLAND MEDICAID PHARMACY PROGRAM

No. 103
December 20, 2011

ADVISORY

In an effort to give timely notice to the pharmacy community concerning important pharmacy topics, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's (DHMH) Maryland Pharmacy Program (MPP) has developed the Maryland Pharmacy Program Advisory. To expedite information timely to the pharmacy and prescriber communities, an email network has been established which incorporates the email lists of the Maryland Pharmacists Association, EPIC, CARE, Long Term Care Consultants, headquarters of all chain drugstores and prescriber associations and organizations. It is our hope that the information is disseminated to all interested parties. If you have not received this email through any of the previously noted parties or via DHMH, please contact the MPP representative at 410-767-1455.

Transition to D.0 for Long Term Care Pharmacies

As you are aware, the pharmacy claims transmission standard is changing from NCPDP version 5.1 to version D.0. Beginning December 11, 2011 Maryland Medicaid Fee-For-Service (FFS) claims can be sent to the Program's claims processor (ACS) using either the current NCPDP 5.1 format or in the new D.0 format.

It is important for Long Term Care pharmacies to note that D.0 claims for fee-for-service recipients in long term care facilities must have a **"3" in the location code field**, instead of a "4", in order to be priced correctly.

This transition period should allow your pharmacy to resolve any problems with your software. Updated payer specifications that will be used under NCPDP D.0 can be found in the Maryland Medicaid provider manual and payer sheet which are located on the web at <http://www.mdrxprograms.com/oeep.html#PSI>

If you have any questions or if you need to contact our claims processor, please e-mail provider.relations@acs-inc.com or call 1-678-916-5463.

Effective March 30, 2012, only claims in the D.0 format will be accepted for Maryland Medicaid FFS recipients.
