



# MARYLAND MEDICAID PHARMACY PROGRAM

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## 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.*

**EFFECTIVE SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2009, THE ELECTRONIC PHARMACY POINT OF SALE (POS) CLAIMS PROCESSOR FOR THE MARYLAND MEDICAID, KIDNEY DISEASE, BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT AND MARYLAND AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS WILL REQUIRE THE PRESCRIBER'S NPI NUMBER IN ORDER TO PROCESS AND ADJUDICATE A CLAIM.**

- 1. CLAIMS SUBMITTED WITHOUT A VALID NPI IN NCPDP FIELD 411-DB (PRESCRIBER ID) AND 466-EZ (PRESCRIBER ID QUALIFIER) WILL DENY WITH THE MESSAGE NCPDP EDIT 25 "MISSING/INVALID PRESCRIBER ID"**
- 2. THE PHARMACY IS EXPECTED TO USE DILIGENCE TO OBTAIN THE PRESCRIBER'S NPI FOR ALL PRESCRIPTIONS BILLED TO MARYLAND PHARMACY PROGRAMS**
- 3. IF A PHARMACY HAS EXHAUSTED ALL EFFORTS TO OBTAIN A PRESCRIBER'S NPI, INCLUDING SEARCHING THE NATIONAL PLAN & PROVIDER ENUMERATION SYSTEM (<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/NPIRegistryHome.do>), THEY MAY THEN CALL THE CLAIMS PROCESSOR (ACS) CALL CENTER @ (800) 932 3918 TO OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION**