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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 Medicaid Pharmacy Program (MMPP) has developed the Maryland Medicaid 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 MMPP representative at 410-767-1455.

Maryland Medicaid Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Pharmacy Audits

The OIG has informed the Pharmacy Program of an issue they identified while performing on-site Pharmacy Audits. When reviewing claims the OIG identified multiple faxes which they were unable to determine where the prescriptions originated from because the fax transmission line had been removed. COMAR 10.09.03.01 (26) (b) under the definition of a prescription states: "A fax of an original order signed by the prescriber sent directly from the prescriber to the pharmacy provider". The fax transmission line assures the claim originated from the prescriber and it is the responsibility of the Pharmacy/Pharmacist to verify its accuracy. Any faxed prescriptions that result in a claim submitted to the Medicaid program for reimbursement must have the fax identifying transmission line. Without this information, the claim will be subject to reversal of funds paid.

As a reminder: COMAR 10.09.03.01(26) (a) under the definition of a prescription states: "An original order signed by the prescriber and written on tamper-resistant paper (TRPP). Claims not on TRPP are not reimbursable by the Medicaid Fee-For- Service Program. Further information on TRPP can be found at: <http://www.dhmh.state.md.us/mma/mpap/>