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/