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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Dental Transmittal No. 45

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TO: Hospital Providers
Physician Anesthesiologists
Nurse Anesthesiologists
Dental Providers
Managed Care Organizations
Federally Qualified Health Centers
Local Health Departments

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NOTE: Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal.

RE: Carve Out of the Coverage of the Hospital and Anesthesiologist Services from the Managed Care Organizations for Dental Services Performed in the Outpatient Department of the Hospital

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2013, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (the Department), has decided to remove the responsibility for coverage of hospital and anesthesiologist services for dental services performed in the Outpatient Department (OPD) of a hospital from the Managed Care Organizations (MCOs). These services will be covered and reimbursed by the Medical Assistance fee for service program. The actual dental services performed in the OPD and rendered by the dentist, will remain the responsibility of DentaQuest, the Administrative Service Organization (ASO) for the Maryland Healthy Smiles Dental Program.

The Medicaid Program does not preauthorize services rendered in an outpatient setting of a hospital. Currently, there are no anesthesiology procedure codes that must be preauthorized. Dental offices must follow the current preauthorization process DentaQuest has in place for dental services. If a dental service requires preauthorization and the dental provider does not get authorization for those services from DentaQuest, the claim for those services will deny.

If you have questions regarding this transmittal, please contact Shelly Lehner, Deputy Director for the Acute Care Administration at 410-767-8787.