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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Hospital Transmittal No. 206
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TO: Hospital Administrators

FROM: Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director
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 Office of Health Services

RE: Coverage of Emergency Room Facility Charges for Primary Adult Care Recipients

NOTE: **Please ensure that the appropriate staff members in your Organizations are informed of the content of this transmittal.**

The purpose of this transmittal is to announce that effective January 1, 2010, the Primary Adult Care (PAC) program will cover medically necessary emergency services¹ facility charges. This new benefit does not cover professional charges for emergency services. Recipients can be billed for the professional services related to the emergency department visit.

As with most PAC benefits, coverage for emergency department facility services begins only after the recipient is enrolled in a managed care organization (MCO). There is no coverage during the recipient's fee-for-service period.

Emergency department facility services will not be covered when the emergency visit results in the recipient being admitted to the hospital.

Please ensure that all professional providers that render services in the emergency department, or in another area of the hospital but associated with an emergency visit, are aware of the information in this transmittal. Please establish procedures to remind PAC patients that the professional services are not covered by the PAC program.

If you have any questions about the information in this transmittal, please contact the Provider Hotline at 800-766-8692.

Cc: PAC Managed Care Organizations

¹ "Emergency Services" is defined in COMAR 10.09.62.