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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Hospital Transmittal No. 207

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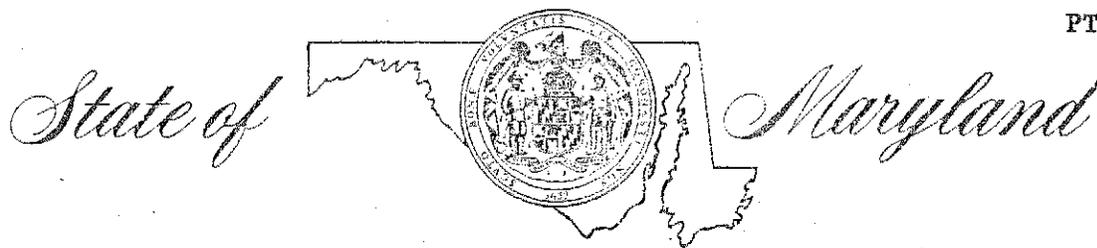
TO: Hospitals Regulated by the Maryland Health Service Cost Review Commission
(HSCRC)FROM: Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director
Office of Health ServicesRE: Medicaid Payment for Hospital Clinic and Laboratory Services Delivered in
Space Not Regulated by the HSCRC

The Maryland Medical Assistance Program was recently asked to clarify questions on two long-standing policies. The first concerns how hospitals are to bill for services delivered in free-standing hospital clinics (those in space not regulated by the HSCRC). The second concerns how hospitals are to bill for laboratory tests on specimens obtained outside the hospital.

The first question, concerning how to bill for free-standing hospital clinic services, was answered in transmittals dating back to 1985. Beginning on June 1, 1985, the HSCRC no longer had jurisdiction to set rates for outpatient services that were not provided at the hospital. When this occurred, the Medical Assistance Program asked hospitals to submit a list of all hospital-affiliated, free-standing clinics. The transmittal regarding this issue (Hospital Transmittal No. 55) is attached. Additionally, we sent Hospital Transmittal No. 59 (attached), asking hospitals to re-enroll these clinics as general free-standing clinics under COMAR 10.09.08 and to follow the guidelines for that program. General clinics are enrolled and required to bill through the CMS 1500 process. Under the Clinic program, reimbursement is the lesser of charges or the fee contained in the Medical Assistance Provider Fee Manual, which can be found at: <http://dhmh.maryland.gov/mma/providerinfo/doc/rptNumericRangePhysiciansServicesFeeSchedulejuly09.xls>

The second question relates to reimbursement for laboratory tests on specimens obtained outside the hospital. In 1990, the Program issued Hospital Transmittal No. 116 (attached) instructing hospitals that the Medical Assistance Program will not reimburse for laboratory services at rates established by the HSCRC. To receive payment for these tests, hospitals must enroll as providers under the Medical Laboratories program pursuant to COMAR 10.09.09. Under the Medical Laboratory program, reimbursement is the lesser of charges or the fee for the test contained in the Medical Assistance Provider Fee Manual.

If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to roseb@dhmh.state.md.us.



MEDICAL ASSISTANCE POLICY ADMINISTRATION
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Adele Witzack, R.N., M.S., Secretary

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
HOSPITAL TRANSMITTAL NO. 55

May 23, 1985

TO: All Hospitals

FROM: Ms. Mary E. Stuart, ^{MS} Acting Director
Medical Assistance Policy Administration

RE: Free-standing Satellite Hospital Clinics (Not at Hospital Site)

With the adoption and signing by the Governor of House Bill 1072, the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) will have no jurisdiction to set rates for outpatient services that are not provided at the hospital, effective June 1, 1985.

Due to the very limited time available to discuss regulations changes to implement the legislation, billing procedures, and payment rates, the following interim plan will become effective June 1, 1985:

I. Hospitals must submit a list of hospital-affiliated, free-standing clinics, including the following information for each clinic:

- a. Name of clinic and hours of operation of each clinic site
- b. Address of clinic
- c. Specific type of clinic (general medicine, geriatric, psychosocial, alcoholism, etc.)
- d. Current (5/31/85) per visit charge to Medicaid and non-Medicaid patients
- e. Name and title of clinic director
- f. Estimate of percentage of total patients who are Medicaid eligible

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- g. Estimate of total visits for all patients during last year
- h. Name and phone number of contact person for clinic information

2. Hospitals may continue to charge the Program on the Outpatient Hospital Report and Invoice, Form DHMH 243, until June 30, 1985, or until anticipated emergency regulations are issued.

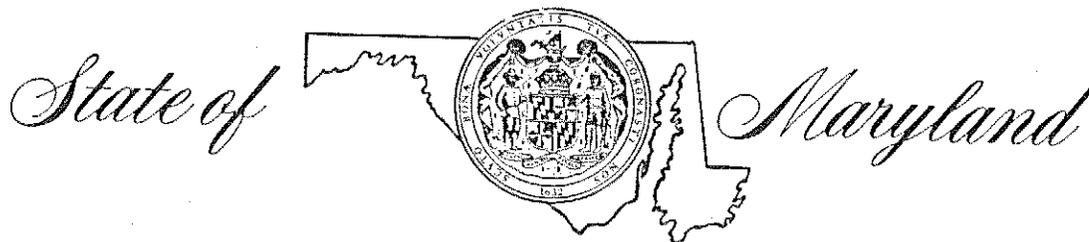
3. Hospitals must charge the Program for satellite clinic visits the lower of the old HSCRC rate, costs, or the charge to the Medicaid Program prior to May 31, 1985.

Your lists of free-standing clinics must be forwarded to the following address by June 15, 1985:

Hospital Program
Medical Assistance Policy Administration
Room 205
300 West Preston Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Please contact the Staff Specialist for Hospital Services at (301) 383-2592 if you have any questions concerning this Transmittal.

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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
 HOSPITAL TRANSMITTAL NO. 59
 September 11, 1985

TO: All Hospitals
 All Hospital Free-standing Clinics

FROM: Mary E. Stuart, ^{MD} Acting Director
 Medical Assistance Policy Administration

RE: Free-standing Hospital Clinics/New Provider Agreements

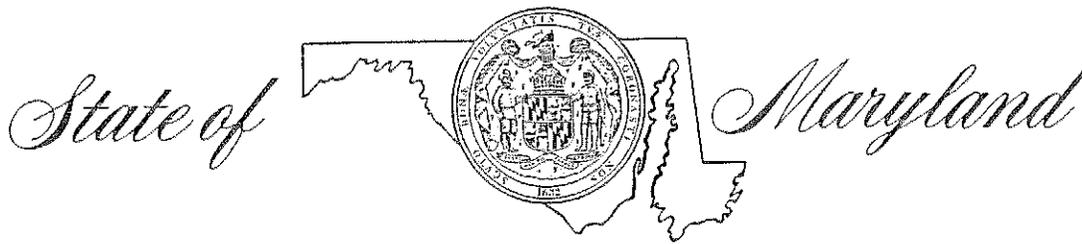
The Maryland Medical Assistance Program anticipates that most hospital free-standing clinics will be able to participate in the Medicaid Program under the provisions of the revised Free-standing Clinic Regulations, COMAR 10.09.08, which are to become effective on October 1, 1985.

Please be advised that if your clinic does qualify for participation under COMAR 10.09.08 you will be required to enter into a provider agreement. It is important to note that you will need to respond to all requests as quickly as possible to assure a smooth transition to becoming a provider under these regulations.

If you have not already submitted a list of hospital-affiliated, free-standing clinics (i.e. those no longer regulated by the Health Services Cost Review Commission), as previously requested in Hospital Transmittal No. 55, dated May 23, 1985, you are urged to do so immediately.

If you have any questions, please call the Staff Specialist for Free-standing clinics at (301) 225-1459.

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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
 Hospital Transmittal No. 116
 February 5, 1990

TO: Hospital Administrators
 FROM: Joseph M. Millstone *JMM* Director
 Medical Care Policy Administration

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

RE: Payment for Hospital Laboratory Services

In Hospital Transmittal No. 112, dated September 5, 1989, the Medical Assistance Program announced the proposed adoption of an amendment to Regulation .05 under COMAR 10.09.06 Hospital Services, and COMAR 10.09.34 Hospital Services, State-Only. The Program proposed to adopt this amendment on a permanent basis, effective December 11, 1989.

The amendment states that reimbursement for laboratory tests on specimens obtained outside the hospital will not be according to rates established by the Health Services Cost Review Commission. To receive payment for these tests, hospitals will be required to enroll as providers under the Medical Laboratories Program, COMAR 10.09.09. Under this Program, reimbursement is the lesser of charges or the fee for the test contained in the Medical Assistance Provider Fee Manual. This fee manual is supplied to new providers upon enrollment.

The proposed amendment was published in the Maryland Register and has been adopted as proposed, effective December 25, 1989.

Questions concerning this transmittal should be directed to the Staff Specialist for Hospital Services at (301) 225-1455.

Questions concerning enrollment as a medical laboratories provider should be directed to the Provider Enrollment Section at (301) 225-5340.

Questions concerning reimbursement under the Medical Laboratories Program should be directed to the Staff Specialist for Medical Laboratories at (301) 225-1459.

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