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**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Home Health Transmittal No. 33**

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TO: Home Health Agency Administrators

FROM: Joseph M. Millstone,  Director
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NOTE: Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed about the contents of this transmittal.

RE: Preauthorization

Pursuant to COMAR 10.09.04.06A(2), preauthorization is required for services rendered in any thirty day period for which the provider anticipates interim payments in excess of the Medicaid average nursing facility rate. Effective September 1, 1998 the rate is raised from \$3,198.60 to \$3,357.90. All other preauthorization procedures remain the same.

Questions concerning this transmittal should be directed to the Staff Specialist for Home Health Services at (410) 767-1474.

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