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TO: Nursing Home Administrators

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

RE: Nursing Facility Reimbursement Handbook

Effective October 1, 2010, the Maryland Medicaid Program has revised the Nursing Facility Assessment and Reimbursement Handbook. With this revision, the following changes have been made:

1. The coding references in the Handbook have been modified to accommodate the coding associated with MDS 3.0;
2. The Maryland Monthly Assessment (MMA) has been modified to reflect information contained in the MDS 3.0;
3. For leave days on or after October 1, 2010, nursing facilities are no longer required to complete the Authorization for Leave of Absence or Request for Reimbursement for Bed Reservations During Acute Hospitalization forms. Physicians' orders authorizing such leave and documentation of dates of absence, however, must be clearly noted in the medical record.
4. Effective October 1, 2010, facilities will be required to complete the MMA form no later than 31 days following the previous assessment. Failure to complete the MMA timely may result in the facility losing reimbursement for the month.

The revised Handbook and MMA shall be used for services on or after October 1, 2010. For services prior to October 1, the current Handbook and MMA shall be used.



Facilities may obtain a copy of the revised Handbook and MMA by visiting the Medicaid Program's website. The earlier version of the Handbook will also continue to be available through the end of the calendar year. Here are the links to the Handbooks and MMA:

Reimbursement Handbook – New (effective 10-1-2010):

<http://www.dhmf.maryland.gov/mma/providerinfo/pdf/2010/Sep10/Nursing-Facility-Assessment-Handbook-10-2010.pdf>

Reimbursement Handbook – Earlier version (through 9-30-2010):

http://www.dhmf.maryland.gov/mma/providerinfo/pdf/2010/Nursing_Facility_Patient_Assessment_Handbook_2010.pdf

Maryland Monthly Assessment form effective 10-1-2010:

<http://www.dhmf.maryland.gov/mma/providerinfo/pdf/2010/Sep10/MMA-080610.pdf>

Any questions regarding the Handbook may be directed to the Nursing Home Program at (410) 767-1736.

cc: Nursing Home Liaison Committee