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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Free-Standing Birth Center Transmittal No. 1

October 1, 2014

TO: Free-Standing Birth Centers
Managed Care Organizations

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

RE: Facility Fee for Free-Standing Birth Centers

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

Effective September 1, 2014, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (the Department) will reimburse free-standing birth centers a facility fee for the delivery and care of a newborn. There is a partial facility fee for those patients that begin their labor or delivery at the free-standing birth center but because of problems with the delivery or labor, the mother is transferred to a hospital. The link to the fee schedule is: dhmh.maryland.gov/providerinfo

When the free-standing birth center bills for the facility fee, the facility must use the CMS 1500. Each free-standing birth center that wishes to participate in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program must complete a provider application for the facility.

If you have questions regarding this transmittal, please contact Claire Serio, Division Chief for the Division of Professional Services at 410-767-1489 or claire.roberts@maryland.gov or Earl Tucker, Supervisor for the Division of Professional Services at 410-767-4078 or earl.tucker@maryland.gov.