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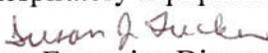
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**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**  
**Medical Supply and Equipment Transmittal No. 66**  
**Oxygen Transmittal No. 27**  
**January 26, 2012**

**TO:** Disposable Medical Supplies, Durable Medical Equipment, and Oxygen and Related Respiratory Equipment Providers

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

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

**RE:** COMAR 10.09.12 Disposable Medical Supplies and Durable Medical Equipment (DMS/DME) and 10.09.18 Oxygen and Related Respiratory Equipment Services (OXY)

The purpose of this transmittal is to describe cost containment actions that will go into effect January 1, 2012. In keeping with the budget approved for the Medical Assistance Program, the reimbursement rate for DMS/DME/OXY will be reduced from 98 percent of Medicare's reimbursement rate to 90 percent of Medicare's reimbursement rate for dates of service beginning January 1, 2012. This reduction will be applied to all DMS/DME/OXY procedure codes including those priced by the Program, with the exception of those categorized on the Approved List of Items as individual consideration.

Any questions regarding this transmittal should be directed to a Staff Specialist at 410 767-1739 or emailed to [DCSS@dhmh.state.md.us](mailto:DCSS@dhmh.state.md.us).