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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Managed Care Organization Transmittal No. 59

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TO: Managed Care Organizations

From: Susan Tucker, Executive Director
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NOTE: Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of contents of this transmittal.

RE: Reimbursement for Inpatient Hospital Stays for HealthChoice Recipients Who Become Ineligible for Medical Assistance

This transmittal clarifies HealthChoice Transmittal No. 3, "Reimbursement for Professional Services Provided to Medicaid Assistance Recipients Who are Admitted to a Hospital Prior to Enrollment in an MCO".

Under HealthChoice regulations, an MCO is responsible for the remaining days of a hospital stay if the admission began when the recipient was enrolled in the MCO. The recipient's enrollment into another MCO or other Medicaid program does not affect this requirement; however, effective the date of this transmittal, if a recipient becomes ineligible for Medical Assistance, the MCO is not responsible for paying for the hospital stay beyond the date of eligibility.

Please note: All other information in HealthChoice Transmittal No. 3 remains unchanged.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pamela Williams of the Division of HealthChoice Management and Quality Assurance at 410-767-1482.

