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ADVISORY

*In an effort to give timely notice to the pharmacy community concerning important pharmacy topics, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's (DHMH) **Maryland Pharmacy Program (MPP)** has developed the **Maryland Pharmacy Program Advisory**. To expedite information timely to the pharmacy and prescriber communities, an email network has been established which incorporates the email lists of the Maryland Pharmacists Association, EPIC, CARE, Long Term Care Consultants, headquarters of all chain drugstores and prescriber associations and organizations. It is our hope that the information is disseminated to all interested parties. If you have not received this email through any of the previously noted parties or via DHMH, please contact the MPP representative at 410-767-1455.*

Cost of Dispensing Analysis

To more accurately determine the cost of dispensing prescriptions for Medicaid recipients, the Pharmacy Program conducted a survey in June 2011 to collect detailed information about actual costs related to prescription dispensing at each pharmacy. The survey was designed, conducted and analyzed by a nationally experienced firm of certified public accountants, Myers & Stauffer LC. Their final report is available now online at <http://www.dhmh.state.md.us/mma/mpap/>.

The cost of dispensing will be used along with the National Average Drug Acquisition Cost (NADAC), which is expected to be published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in the next 3-6 months, to establish a new reimbursement methodology for the Program.
