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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor - Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor - S. Anthony McCann, Secretary

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Dear Provider:

Since January 24, 2006, the Maryland Medicaid Program (Program) has issued a continuous remittance advice message pertaining to the coverage of HCPCS code A5120. The remittance advice states, "The reimbursement for HCPCS code A5120 is reimbursed at the rate of \$.25 each and provides coverage for a medicated, protective skin barrier that creates a second skin. When applied, the product provides an invisible film around stomas. This allowable does not provide coverage for regular tub wipes that are used for cleaning." The Program has been informed that Maryland Medicaid providers are substituting the delivery of skin barrier wipes with baby/tub wipes and billing the Program using A5120. Billing the Program in such a manner is inappropriate and is cause for recoupment of payments. To ensure integrity, the Program will be conducting reviews of paid claims and recouping payments when inappropriate payments are discovered.

Should you have questions pertaining to this correspondence, you may contact me at 410-767-1739 or you may email me at [cooks@dnhmh.state.md.us](mailto:cooks@dnhmh.state.md.us). Thank you for your continued cooperation and service to Maryland Medicaid recipients.

Sincerely,

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