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**RE: NEW PRIMARY ADULT CARE PROGRAM (PAC)**

**PROGRAMS AFFECTED: Medical Assistance (MA)  
Temporary Disability Assistance Program (TDAP)**

**ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICES OF OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMS  
DHMH OFFICE OF OPERATIONS, ELIGIBILITY AND  
PHARMACY**

Beginning **July 1, 2006**, the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) will offer a new Medical Assistance program known as the Primary Adult Care Program (PAC). PAC will cover primary care, pharmacy, and outpatient mental health benefits for adult, low-income Maryland residents.

DHMH combined two of its programs – the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program (MPAP) and the Maryland Primary Care Program – to create PAC. Between July 1, 2006 and September 1, 2006, DHMH will transition into PAC the current recipients from the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program and the Maryland Primary Care Program.

Applicants must be a U.S. citizen or qualified alien, be at least 19 years old, not be Medicare eligible, meet a resource limit of \$4,000 for an individual or \$6,000 for two or more, and meet an income limit of \$948 for an individual or \$1,100 for two or more (116% of the Federal Poverty Level for an individual and 100% of the Federal Poverty Level for two or more). The PAC eligibility staff at DHMH (formerly the MPAP staff) will determine eligibility and send eligibility notification. Persons eligible for PAC will be in coverage group S09 on the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS), which was previously used for MPAP. Coverage group S09 is not on CARES.

People interested in applying for the Primary Adult Care Program must complete a paper application and mail the application to the Department. The application and address are located on the DHMH website, [www.dhmh.state.md.us/mma/pac/index.htm](http://www.dhmh.state.md.us/mma/pac/index.htm). The application can be downloaded from

the website, or an application can be requested by a phone call to the program at 1-800-226-2142. The applicant should only use the new PAC application and include all required proofs. The Department will send the applicant a letter with the eligibility decision. If determined eligible, the applicant will receive a Primary Adult Care card, which can be used immediately to access prescriptions and covered mental health services on a fee-for-service basis.

Recipients of the Temporary Disability Assistance Program (TDAP), who currently qualify for MPAP, may qualify for PAC if they meet all technical and financial requirements.

Much like with HealthChoice, DHMH is contracting with Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) to provide primary care and pharmacy benefits to PAC members. Once PAC members are determined eligible, they will receive information from DHMH's enrollment broker on how to choose an MCO. Individuals must choose an MCO or they will be assigned to one. The participating MCOs are Jai Medical Systems, Maryland Physicians Care, and United Health Care.

Some PAC services will be carved-out from MCOs and paid for by DHMH on a fee-for-service basis. Carved-out services include specialty mental health pharmacy, outpatient specialty mental health care, HIV drugs, and all pharmacy in the period prior to MCO enrollment. The PAC enrollee will have a yellow and white Medical Care Program card for the carved-out services. The EVS System will include a message to identify PAC enrollees.

Recipients in the Maryland Family Planning Program (FPP), who may qualify for the Primary Adult Care (PAC) Program, will have to decide if it is best for them to apply for PAC and disenroll from FPP. As of July 1, 2006, a person cannot be enrolled in both programs.

PAC covers all Family Planning Program benefits except for tubal ligation (permanent sterilization). Neither program covers abortions.

**INQUIRIES:**

For questions about PAC eligibility policy, please call: 443-263-7090.

The following toll-free numbers are available for PAC applicants and recipients:  
PAC questions about eligibility or to obtain an application: 1-800-226-2142  
PAC Enrollment Broker for assistance with enrollment in an MCO: 1-866-676-5880  
PAC issues during fee-for service period before MCO enrollment: 1-800-492-5231  
PAC Action Hotline for MCO-related issues once enrolled: 1-888-754-0095

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