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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
General Provider Transmittal No. 79
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TO: Providers

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

RE: Part B Coinsurance Payments

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

As a result of budget reductions taken by the Board of Public Works, the Medicaid program will no longer pay Part B Medicare coinsurance or copayments for dates of service beginning August 1, 2010, on claims where the Medicare payment exceeds the Medicaid fee schedule. Therefore, if Medicare pays the claim at an amount equal to or greater than the Medicaid fee schedule, Medicaid will make no additional payment. If Medicare pays the claim at an amount less than the Medicaid fee schedule, Medicaid will pay all or part of the coinsurance to bring the total payment to the provider equal to the Medicaid fee schedule.

This methodology will not be applied when:

- The amount submitted to Medicaid is for the deductible;
- The service is not covered by Medicaid;
- The service is a mental health service;
- The service is billed using a HCPCS beginning with a letter from A to W;
- CPT codes are priced by report; or
- The service is billed using CPT codes 00100 to 01999

Please remember that Medicaid providers are prohibited from balance billing recipients. If you have any questions about the information in this transmittal, please send your questions to Medicaid@dhmh.state.md.us. You will receive a response within one business day.

