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Maryland Medical Assistance Program
Medical Equipment Transmittal No. 65
Oxygen Transmittal No. 26
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TO: Disposable Medical Supply and Durable Medical Equipment Providers
Oxygen and Related Respiratory Equipment Providers

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NOTE: Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal.

SUBJECT: Provider Enrollment Requirements

The purpose of this transmittal is to inform the providers of durable medical equipment, disposable medical supplies, and oxygen of enrollment changes.

The Department is proposing to amend regulations under COMAR 10.09.12.03 Disposable Medical Supplies and Durable Medical Equipment and COMAR 10.09.18.03 Oxygen and Related Respiratory Equipment Services. These amendments are proposed to become effective November 1, 2011.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has implemented new accreditation requirements for Medicaid medical equipment and supply providers. To ensure that these requirements are met, the Maryland Medicaid Program will require that all oxygen, and medical equipment and supply providers are enrolled and accredited with Medicare as a prerequisite to enrolling as a Maryland Medicaid provider. Providers currently enrolled with the program and not yet accredited with Medicare, have until November 1, 2011 to present proof of Medicare enrollment or that an application has been filed to be an accredited Medicare provider. Providers who have not enrolled with Medicare and submitted proof of enrollment by April 1, 2012 will be terminated from the program and will have to reenroll under the new requirement.

Providers exempt from Medicare accreditation requirements (i.e., Orthotists and Prosthetists, including Ocularists) will be exempt from these Medicaid requirements to the extent that they are providing equipment and supplies directly related to these specialties. If they choose to provide other medical equipment or supplies, accreditation will be required to obtain/maintain an active enrollment status.

Any questions regarding this transmittal may be directed to a staff specialist at 410-767-1739.

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