

## STATE OF MARYLAND

## Office of Health Services Medical Care Programs

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To:

Maryland Medicaid Providers

FROM:

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Subject:

Cessation of Weekly Paper Remittance Advice (RAs) Payment Reports

Effective with the Medicaid payment dated April 4, 2009, the Maryland Medicaid Program will discontinue printing and mailing the weekly paper remittance advice.

As part of Maryland's cost containment efforts, all State agencies have been instructed to cut costs. Discontinuing the printing and mailing of paper remittance advices is one of several cost cutting measures the Program has accepted.

An electronic copy of the remittance advice is available online at <a href="https://encrypt.emdhealthchoice.org/emedicaid">https://encrypt.emdhealthchoice.org/emedicaid</a>/. The Program recommends that providers enroll <a href="mailto:now">now</a> at our secure eMedicaid site to familiarize themselves with the web portal prior to the effective date in this notice. Approximately 11,000 remittance advices are retrieved weekly via the eMedicaid portal.

The Program recognizes that this change may be an inconvenience to some providers; however, during these difficult economic times, the Governor is asking all citizens to pitch in and help.

If there are any specific questions or concerns regarding this notice, please contact **Provider Relations**. The telephone number is (410) 767-5503 for professional services and (410) 767-5457 for institutional services.