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**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**  
**Nursing Home Transmittal No. 220**  
**July 1, 2009**

TO: Nursing Home Administrators

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

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

RE: **Fiscal Year 2010 Interim Rates**

The reimbursement rates for Fiscal Year 2010 are based on Regulation .07 Payment Procedures - Maryland Facilities under COMAR 10.09.10 Nursing Facility Services, in accordance with amendments proposed to become effective July 1, 2009. These amendments are consistent with the Department's appropriation for nursing facility services for FY 2010. Medicaid rates will not increase on July 1, 2009 due to budgetary considerations and constraints.

**Summary of Fiscal Year 2010 Rates**

With the exception of interim rate changes, providers' Fiscal Year 2010 rates, effective for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, will remain identical to those in effect on June 30, 2009. Existing regional reimbursement ceilings (i.e. maximum reimbursement rates) and parameters shall remain unchanged from those in effect for the period November 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

The cost threshold required for providers to request interim rate changes in the Administrative and Routine, Other Patient Care and Capital Cost Centers (with the exception of power wheelchair and repair costs) is increased from 5 percent to 10 percent of the provider's interim rate for Fiscal Year 2010.

**Increase in Patient Personal Needs Allowance**

Effective July 1, 2009 the personal needs allowance for Medicaid nursing home recipients will increase to \$71 per month for individuals and \$142 per month for couples.

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cc: Nursing Home Liaison Committee

