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**Maryland Medical Assistance Program
Clinic Transmittal No. 60
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TO: Local Health Departments

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

RE: **New NPI and Medical Assistance Provider Numbers Required for
Implementation of Physician Fee Schedule on January 1, 2012**

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

Implementation of Physician Fee Schedule

Effective January 1, 2012, the Medical Assistance (MA) Program will pay Local Health Departments (LHDs) the State and Federal Share, 100 percent, of the Physician Fee Schedule for allowable services.

Currently, LHDs receive the Federal Share for reimbursed services because LHDs cover the State Share. For dates of service on or after January 1, 2012, MA will pay LHDs the State and Federal Share, or 100 percent, of the lower of the LHD's usual and customary charge or acquisition cost, or the Department's Physician Fee Schedule. The Maryland Physician Fee Schedule is available online at: <http://www.dhmh.state.md.us/mma/providerinfo/>. LHDs will continue to follow the Clinic Regulations in COMAR 10.09.08.

New Provider Numbers Required

This rate change requires that LHDs apply for a new NPI number(s), as well as a new MA Provider Number(s). LHDs must submit their new MA Provider application(s) by December 15, 2011. **LHDs will not be able to use their current MA number to bill for dates of services after December 31, 2011.** LHDs should use a new NPI number on the new application. The attached letter lists the LHD programs in your county that will need to apply for new MA Provider Numbers. To expedite the application process, you will have two options:

- 1) Apply electronically using eMedicaid; or
- 2) Send your application to Earl Tucker at Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Division of Professional Services, 201 W. Preston Street Room 209, Baltimore, MD 21201.

We strongly encourage LHDs to submit their applications electronically for faster processing. **Again, LHDs will not be able to use their current MA number to bill for dates of services after December 31, 2011.**

If you have any questions about the changes in reimbursement, applying for a new MA provider number or billing H-Codes for Substance Abuse services, please contact Earl Tucker at (410) 767-4078 or TuckerE@dhmh.state.md.us