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**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**  
**Nursing Home Transmittal No. 238**  
**December 21, 2011**

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: 2011 Nursing Home Pay-for-Performance (P4P) Scores

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At the request of the Health Facilities Association of Maryland and the LifeSpan Network, the Department is releasing revised Pay-for-Performance (P4P) scores based on a modified methodology in determining staffing levels. Staffing levels will be determined based on reported census data and will not be adjusted based on minimum occupancy standards. Please refer to the previous Nursing Home Transmittal 236 for more information on the P4P program.

Eligible providers will receive a score on each of the quality measures, their total score, their rank among eligible facilities, and the amount of payment, if any, for which they qualified. The highest scoring facilities, representing 35 percent of the eligible days of care, will receive quality incentive payments within a payment range of \$3.96 to \$1.98 per Medicaid patient day. Pay-for-improvement amounts range from \$1.34 to \$0.67 per Medicaid patient day. These ranges will vary from year-to-year. Data will also be scored for facilities that are not eligible for P4P in order to provide performance feedback. In total, over \$5.65 million will be distributed between the P4P and pay-for-improvement programs.

Providers will have 30 days from the date of this transmittal to review and comment on performance data. Final awards will be distributed to facilities in a lump sum payment.

Comments regarding this transmittal may be directed to Eric Saber at 410-767-1458 or by e-mail to [esaber@dhmh.state.md.us](mailto:esaber@dhmh.state.md.us).

cc: Nursing Home Liaison Committee