

# Provider Update

## Maryland Prenatal Risk Assessment

**Background:** An important strategy for reducing infant mortality and health care disparities in Maryland has been early identification of women with at-risk pregnancies via the Maryland Prenatal Risk Assessment (MPRA).

★ **What this means to you:** Please read the attached communication from the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH). This communication contains important information regarding your role in the identification and management of women with at-risk pregnancies.

### Why is this necessary?

HealthChoice regulations (COMAR 10.09.65.08c) require providers to complete the MPRA for all pregnant Medicaid participants at the first prenatal care visit. Completed forms must be forwarded to the patient's local health department within 10 days. The MPRA process is critical to connecting women with available support services.

Providers can be reimbursed separately for completing the MPRA and a plan of care. Instruction on completion of the MPRA and billing are included within the attached communication.

### What if I need help?

If you have questions about this communication, received this fax in error or need help with any else, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call our Provider Services team:

- Medicaid providers call 1-800-454-3730
- Medicare providers call 1-866-805-4589

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## Maryland Prenatal Risk Assessment (MPRA) Requirements (March 2014)

### Background

The Maryland Prenatal Risk Assessment (MPRA) process helps to identify women who have medical, nutritional, and psychosocial predictors of poor birth outcomes, and allows the patient, local health department, provider, and MCO to work together to promote the best possible birth outcome. The MPRA process is a key policy initiative that strengthens the linkage of the highest risk pregnant women to available support services. **Completion of the MPRA (DHMH form 4850) and completion of a plan of care at the first prenatal visit is required for all Medicaid participants, including those women enrolled in Managed Care Organizations (MCOs).**

### Instructions and Added NPI field

Complete the MPRA at the first prenatal visit. Within ten days, fax the completed form to the local health department in the county in which the woman resides. Instructions and fax numbers are on the back of the form. In March 2014 an additional field was added to the MPRA for the clinic or facility NPI. If this is applicable please enter the clinic or facility NPI in addition to the provider's individual NPI. This will allow LHDs to improve monitoring of MPRA completion and to initiate follow-up with providers and facilities that do not routinely submit MPRAs.

### Reimbursement

The billing code for completion of the MPRA and development of the plan of care is H1000. Maryland Medicaid's reimbursement for completion of the MPRA and development of the plan of care is \$40.00. This fee is in addition to the fee for the prenatal visit (Evaluation and Management code). Only one risk assessment per pregnancy will be paid. Providers who are contracted with MCOs should check with the MCOs' provider relations staff about any additional MCO policies and procedures.

### Resource Information

Additional resource information can be found on the DHMH website:  
<https://mmcp.dhmh.maryland.gov/Documents/OB%20MANUAL%20March%202012.pdf>.  
To obtain additional quantities of MPRA forms, contact your LHD Administrative Care Coordination Unit (ACCU). The contact information is listed on back of the MPRA. If you have any additional questions about the MPRA process, contact the ACCU or Medicaid's Division of Care Coordination and Complaint Resolution at 410-767-6750.

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