



Wes Moore, Governor · Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor · Laura Herrera Scott, M.D., M.P.H., Secretary

Subject: Public Notice for Interim Payments State Plan Amendment

Add'l info: The Maryland Department of Health (the Department) is proposing to amend the State Plan to allow for interim fee-for-service payments to providers in the event of extenuating circumstances, which include cybersecurity incidents, natural disasters, federal or state emergencies, or similar incidents that preclude providers from submitting claims to the Medicaid agency or from receiving payments from the Medicaid agency for more than 5 business days.

The proposed State Plan Amendment details the process by which interim payments will be calculated and paid out during the extenuating circumstances. After the extenuating circumstances are over, the payments will be reconciled with submitted claims records. The reconciliation process will result in recuperation of funds from providers who were overpaid, and/or payment out to providers who were underpaid. This will result in no new or additional reimbursements for claims beyond the established fee schedule.

The state will ensure that providers receiving payments under this State Plan Amendment will continue to furnish services to Medicaid beneficiaries during the interim payment period, and that access to impacted services is not limited.

The proposed effective date for this amendment is May 2, 2024. For questions about the notice, please contact Tyler Colomb by email at tyler.colomb@maryland.gov.

Released May 1, 2024