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Re: Delay in 2009 MCDB Data Submission

Dear Payer MCDB Liaisons:

As most of you know, the updated version of the Maryland regulations governing the submission of the Medical Care Data Base (MCDB), COMAR 10.25.06, did not become final until this past April. Updating the technical specifications and documentation for the 2009 MCDB submission to include Institutional Services claims and related changes in the Professional Services, Pharmacy, and Provider Directory Files has also been compromised by a number of complications which have delayed release of the documentation. Those problems have been resolved and the MCDB Submission Manual is in final review with Social and Scientific Systems, Inc. We will release it momentarily. Given the delays, MHCC is implementing a revised submission schedule for all files and all submitters. Submitters do not need to ask for a waiver to use the new schedule. The schedule is set forth below:

- June 15, 2010 – MCDB Submission Manual release
- July 15, 2010 – MHCC Webinar/Meeting for MCDB Data submitters
- August 16, 2010 – Last day to obtain a waiver for the submission of data elements
- August 31, 2010 – Submission of all MCDB files are due

The MHCC will host a webinar/in-person meeting to address any outstanding issues on Thursday, July 15th. I also want to alert you that the algorithm to uniquely encrypt patient identifiers using a common one-way hashing approach is still under development and will not be available for the 2009 submission. All payers are authorized to use their own encryption approach that was used for the 2008 submission.

MHCC will again support the submission of the data via our secure FTP site. All payers are encouraged to submit via the FTP site.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Lawrence Monroe at 410-764-3390 or via e-mail at lmonroe@mhcc.state.md.us

Sincerely yours,

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