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BULLETIN

- To: Insurers, Nonprofit Health Service Plans, and Health Maintenance Organizations Participating in the Non-Group Health Market in Maryland
- Re: New Telephone Number/Address for Maryland Health Insurance Plan COMAR 31.10.27 Notice of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan

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The purpose of this bulletin is to notify carriers participating in the non-group health market in Maryland of a new telephone number for the Maryland Health Insurance Plan (MHIP).

COMAR 31.10.27, which was amended January 1, 2003, requires that a carrier provide notice of the availability of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan when the carrier denies coverage under a non-group medically underwritten health benefit plan. Among other text, the notice is required to include the current address and telephone number of MHIP.

Life and Health Bulletin 02-28, dated December 20, 2002 informed carriers of the new notice requirements. On February 24, 2003, Brenda Wilson, Chief of Health Insurance and Managed Care for the Maryland Insurance Administration sent a letter to each of the carriers participating in the non-group health market informing them of a change in the address for MHIP.

The current address for MHIP is Maryland Health Insurance Plan, Box # 13, 211 E. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. The new telephone number for MHIP is **1-866-780-7105**.

Effective **June 1, 2003**, the address of MHIP will change once more. The new address and telephone number for MHIP, effective June 1, 2003, will be:

Maryland Health Insurance Plan PO Box 47160 Baltimore, Maryland 21244-7160 866-780-7105 Carriers are required to revise the notice mandated by COMAR 31.10.27 to reflect the current address and telephone number of MHIP.

Questions about this Bulletin may be directed to Brenda Wilson, Chief of Health Insurance and Managed Care, Life/Health Section, at 410-468-2170.

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