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RE: MARYLAND PRIMARY CARE ENROLLMENT CAP

PROGRAM AFFECTED: TEMHA

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF POLICY, RESEARCH AND SYSTEMS

SUMMARY: The Maryland Primary Care (**MPC**) health care program was designed to provide health care for individuals that have no other health care coverage. Customers eligible for the MPC program must be participating in the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program (**MPAP**), be between the ages of 19 and 65 and have an ongoing verifiable medical condition. Many of our customers who receive Temporary Emergency Medical and Housing Assistance (**TEMHA**) and have not established eligibility for Medicaid receive health coverage thorough MPC.

The MPC program is not an entitlement program and is subject to the availability of funds. Due to successful outreach efforts, the program has experienced substantial growth in its participation rate. Due to insufficient funds, the MPC program is unable to accept new enrollees after November 30, 2001. When funding becomes available, the program will begin to accept new customers.

ACTION REQUIRED: The LDSS case managers, when processing applications for TEMHA customers, are not to refer customers to the MPC program after November 30, 2001. This applies to re-enrollments as well as new customers.

INQUIRIES: Please direct inquiries to Deborah Weathers at (410) 767-79994.

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