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**TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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**FROM: CHARLES HENRY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FIA
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RE: LIFTING OF 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 64 and have an ongoing verifiable medical condition. Many of our customers who receive Temporary Emergency Medical and Housing Assistance (**TEMHA**) who are 19 through 64 years old, and have not established eligibility for Medicaid receive health coverage through MPC.

The MPC program is not an entitlement program and is subject to the availability of funds. Due to insufficient funds, the MPC program was unable to accept new enrollees after November 30, 2001. **We were recently notified that supplemental funding was obtained and the cap was lifted effective May 1, 2002.** Attached are pages from a DHMH brochure listing MPC providers.

ACTION REQUIRED: The LDSS case managers, when processing applications for TEMHA customers, can once again refer customers to the MPC program. This applies to re-enrollments as well as new customers.

INQUIRIES: Please direct inquiries to Deborah Weathers at (410) 767-7994.

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