

May 31, 2011

Dear Medicaid Provider:

The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) is pleased to announce that, effective September 1, 2011, Amerigroup will be entering the following areas as a Medicaid/FAMIS managed care plan: Frederick, Clarke, Winchester, Shenandoah, Page, and Warren.

In order to serve DMAS' managed care recipients, providers must contract with the participating MCOs. We encourage you to participate with all the MCOs. You may have already been contacted by Amerigroup regarding joining their network. If you would like more information about Amerigroup or the other MCOs in or adjoining your area, or to request an application to participate in their programs, you may contact them directly at:

Anthem HealthKeepers Plus	1-800-901-0020
Amerigroup	1-800-600-4441
Optima Family Care	1-800-881-2166
Virginia Premier	1-800-727-7536

Providers should be aware that Medicaid participation does not guarantee participation with a MCO. Also, please remember that you will continue to see individuals who are exempt from managed care and who are enrolled in Medicaid fee-for-service (e.g. individuals in a nursing home, etc.). You do not need to participate with a MCO to provide services to the Medicaid fee-for-service population; however, you must continue to be an enrolled Medicaid provider.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the Managed Care Unit at 804-692-0270.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

H. Bryan Tomlinson, II
Director, Division of Health Care Services