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**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**Nursing Home Transmittal No. 259**

**August 29, 2016**

TO: Nursing Facility Administrators  
FROM: *Susan J. Tucker*  
Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director  
Office of Health Services

RE: Certification of Need for NF Services

**NOTE: Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal**

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Federal regulations governing Utilization Control in nursing facilities (42 CFR Part 456 Subpart F) require that a physician, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner certify that a Medicaid recipient being admitted to a nursing facility or converting to Medicaid requires the services of a nursing facility. To ensure that this requirement is met, the Medicaid Program is requiring that nursing facilities submit a copy of the signed physician's order for nursing facility services along with the DHMH 257. For new Medicaid admissions, please submit the initial signed order; for conversions to Medicaid, please submit the most recent signed order prior to the "begin pay" date.

If you are requesting a nursing facility level of care for a current resident, please upload the order and the DHMH 257 as part of your request in Telligen's Qualitrac system. If the level of care was approved before admission to your facility, please fax the DHMH 257 and order to Telligen at (888) 297-4276.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions regarding this transmittal, please contact the Nursing Home Program at (410) 767-1736.