

## **Quick Reference Guide: Transitional Assistance Program (TAP) and Urgent MADAP**

### **Urgent MADAP**

This program is designed for clients who appear to be eligible for MADAP and need medication coverage immediately. Urgent MADAP provides access to all MADAP formulary drugs, restricted and unrestricted, except therapy for the treatment of Hepatitis C.

**Criteria:** The applicant is currently taking antiretroviral medication and has less than two-week's supply and/or a diagnosis of an acute medical condition. Acute medical conditions are those that warrant an immediate need for medications on the MADAP formulary. Note: Being HIV positive is not considered an acute medical condition.

**Who applies:** A case manager/counselor/client advocate or staff member working with a client must complete the Urgent MADAP application process.

**How to apply:** Applications to Urgent MADAP consist of the completed Urgent MADAP Cover Sheet and a complete copy of the MADAP application form and as much of the required supporting documentation as possible. The client must sign and date page 3 of the application. Case managers are expected to complete and send remaining supporting documentation within 30 days to the MADAP program.

**Application processing period:** The turn around period for processing the Urgent MADAP application will be close of business of the next working day.

**Eligibility period:** Urgent MADAP enrollment is for 60 days beginning on the first day of the month of application. When all supporting documentation is received, the Urgent MADAP will be converted to a 12-month MADAP eligibility period. Note: Urgent MADAP cannot be extended.

### **TAP**

This program is designed to be a temporary assistance program to bridge the gap until enrollment into the Maryland Pharmacy Program (MPP) or Medical Assistance program is obtained. TAP provides access to all MADAP formulary drugs, restricted and unrestricted, except therapy for the treatment of Hepatitis C and enfuvirtide (Fuzeon).

**Criteria:** A TAP application is made when a client needs MADAP formulary drugs and appears to be eligible for a Maryland Pharmacy Plan (MPAP or MPDP), or other Medicaid program, but has not yet been enrolled.

**Who applies:** A case manager/counselor/client advocate or staff member working with a client must complete the TAP application process and ensure that the original MPAP application is completed and sent to the program.

**How to apply:** An application to TAP consists of the completed TAP Cover Sheet, a copy of the completed MPP application form, and copies of available required supporting documentation. The client must sign and date the MPP application. Case managers are expected to send remaining supporting documentation within 30 days to both MADAP and MPP programs.

**Application processing period:** The turn around period for processing the TAP application will be close of business of the next working day.

**Eligibility:** The TAP program allows 3 months of enrollment beginning on the first day of the month of application. An extension of up to 60 days may be granted provided the referring person provides MADAP with the MPP application tracking number and documentation of follow-up on any requests from MPP.