



PROVIDER ALERT

BALANCING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

May 16, 2016

The Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) is a federal program implemented by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare (CMS). The BIP provides grants to States to increase access to non-institutional long-term services and supports. Maryland is participating in this federal program.

One of the BIP requirements is implementation of a uniform assessment of individuals accessing home and community based services. The uniform assessment can be used to determine eligibility, plan for care, and/or identify support needs of individuals being served in the community. To meet this federal reporting requirement, and at the recommendation of Maryland mental health providers, Maryland has chosen to use the Daily Living Activities instrument (DLA-20).

Coming soon, Assertive Community Treatment Teams, Mobile Treatment Teams, and Psychiatric Rehabilitation Programs serving adults within Maryland's Public Behavioral Health System will be required to use the DLA-20 as the uniform assessment in Maryland. The information will be collected on each adult within these programs approximately every six months and the results entered will need to be entered by the programs into the Beacon Health Options authorization system. **Submission of the form will be required for authorization; however, the DLA-20 information will not be used to determine eligibility for services.**

A brief training is required in order to use the DLA-20 instrument. In preparation for the BIP/DLA-20 implementation, Maryland has arranged for several training sessions to be provided by the developers of the tool. These trainings will be free of charge to providers and CEUs will be available. Trainings will take place on the following dates and times (attendance at only one session is required in order to be able to use the DLA-20):

Wednesday, June 1, 2016 morning (8:30-12:00) or afternoon (1:00-4:30)

Thursday, June 2, 2016 morning training (8:30-12:00)

Friday, June 3, 2016 morning (8:30-12:00) or afternoon (1:00-4:30)



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All Trainings will take place at:

**The Meeting House
5885 Robert Oliver Place
Columbia, Maryland 21045**

Please begin to identify staff within your organization who should attend these trainings. These training dates are fixed. We encourage you to send staff to these trainings; however, additional trainings will be available for those that are unable to attend.

The Behavioral Health Administration and the University of Maryland Training Center will be sponsoring these trainings. To register, please go to <https://dla20maryland.eventbrite.com> and complete the registration. The University of Maryland Training Center will accept online registrations, and provide CEUs or Certificates of Attendance. **Registration for each training session is capped at 50 attendees.** For questions related to registration, please contact Monay Walton at the Training Center; mwalton@psych.umaryland.edu or 410-646-7758.

(As an accredited academic institution, the University of Maryland School of Medicine's Training Center is an approved sponsor of the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners for 3.5 Continuing Education credits (Category 1) for licensed social workers in Maryland; as a sponsor of 3.5 Continuing Education (CE) acceptable to the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists; and 3.5 Continuing Education Units (Category A) by the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists, upon completion of this training and a completed evaluation. The Training Center maintains responsibility for this program. A Certificate of Attendance will be made available for all other disciplines.)