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### **MARYLAND DATALINK UPDATE**

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In 2006, the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA), the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) and the State's Core Service Agencies developed and implemented a data sharing initiative, known as DataLink, to ***promote the continuity of treatment for individuals with serious mental illness who are detained in the detention center.***

Since becoming the State's Administrative Service Organization in 2009, Beacon Health Options (then ValueOptions Maryland) has worked collaboratively with all parties to expand DataLink from its original pilot in Baltimore City to include an additional 13 counties and DPSCS. This progress was, in large part, due to the creation of the DataLink Subcommittee under the auspices of the Mental Health Criminal Justice Partnership. The role of this subcommittee has been to provide guidance to new jurisdictions and local Core Service Agency staff and to ensure a consistent approach to the use and dissemination of DataLink data impacting consumers that interact with the criminal justice system. Beacon Health Options receives a daily file from DPSCS of all individuals that have been:

- detained and processed at local detention centers in the past 24-hour period;
- incarcerated in one of the State correctional facilities; or
- remanded to the Division of Parole and Probation.

This data is compared against Medicaid eligibility data, utilizing agreed upon data points to identify a detainee as a "match". Once a match is identified, the process looks for mental health authorizations and paid



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Medicaid pharmacy claims within the past calendar year. This information is provided to authorized staff at DPSCS, the local detention centers and the local Core Service Agencies. DPSCS and Detention Center medical staff can then utilize this data to assist them in addressing the detainees' medical and mental health needs. The data is also shared with the local Core Service Agency who may assist in providing coordinated care for the individual while detained and upon release.

Please see the attached Jail DataLink Dashboard to see the counties that are participating in the DataLink program. The DataLink Subcommittee continues to engage the remaining counties that have yet to implement DataLink and will provide updates to the provider community as progress is made.

Note: The DataLink Subcommittee and Beacon Health Options will soon reach out to the provider community via survey to get some feedback on the effectiveness, and usefulness of this program.



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## JAIL DATALINK DASHBOARD Jurisdictional Status Report Last Saved: 11-16-2016

County / Jurisdiction	Willingness	MOU Status	MOU Sign-Off	CSA Readiness	Corrections Readiness	DPSCS Readiness	Overall Status	Implementation Date
Allegany County	●	●	11/13/2015	●	●	●	●	12/5/2015
Anne Arundel County	●	●	8/28/2014	●	●	●	●	10/21/2014
Baltimore City	●	●	9/2/2010	●	●	●	●	4/13/2012
Baltimore County	●	●	9/10/2015	●	●	●	●	11/21/2015
Calvert County	●	●	12/1/2015	●	●	●	●	2/10/2016
Carroll County	●	●	4/28/2014	●	●	●	●	11/25/2014
Cecil County	●	●	In Progress	●	●	●	●	
Charles County	●	●	10/30/2013	●	●	●	●	2/21/2014
Frederick County	●	●	10/24/2014	●	●	●	●	11/25/2014
Garrett County	●	●		●	●	●	●	
Harford County	●	●	2/29/2014	●	●	●	●	3/30/2014
Howard County	●	●	4/3/2013	●	●	●	●	4/30/2013
Mid-Shore - Caroline County	●	●		●	●	●	●	
Mid-Shore - Dorchester County	●	●		●	●	●	●	
Mid-Shore - Kent County	●	●		●	●	●	●	
Mid-Shore - Queen Anne County	●	●		●	●	●	●	
Mid-Shore - Talbot County	●	●		●	●	●	●	
Montgomery County	●	●	4/18/2016	●	●	●	●	11/14/2016
Prince George's County	●	●	In Progress	●	●	●	●	
St. Mary's County	●	●	5/8/2015	●	●	●	●	8/11/2015
Washington County	●	●	10/1/2015	●	●	●	●	11/21/2015
WSBHA - Somerset County	●	●		●	●	●	●	
WSBHA - Wicomico County	●	●	4/28/2014	●	●	●	●	11/25/2014
Worcester County	●	●		●	●	●	●	
State DPSCS (DOC / DPP)	●	●	10/22/2012	●	●	●	●	4/9/2013

● (black) - NA / No Response      ● (yellow) - In Progress  
 ● (red) - Task Not Started      ● (green) - Task Complete