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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Substance Use Disorder Transmittal No. 31
Opioid Treatment Programs Transmittal No. 8
Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization Transmittal No. 20
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TO: Opioid Treatment Programs
 Substance Use Disorder Providers: ASAM Levels 1, 2.1, and 2.5
 Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization

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RE: Medicaid Coverage of Peer Recovery Support Services in Licensed
 Community-Based Substance Use Disorder Programs

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

This transmittal is a revised version of the original transmittal **PT 59-23 Medicaid Coverage of Peer Recovery Support Services in Licensed Community-Based Substance Use Disorder Programs (Substance Use Disorder Transmittal No. 30, Opioid Treatment Programs Transmittal No. 7, and Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization Transmittal No. 19)**.

Effective June 1, 2023, Maryland Medicaid implemented reimbursement for opioid treatment programs (OTPs) and community-based substance use disorder (SUD) programs licensed by the Behavioral Health Administration for peer recovery support services rendered by Certified Peer Recovery Specialists (CPRS).

Peer recovery support service is the provision of non-clinical activities by individuals in recovery from behavioral health concerns, including substance use disorders or mental health concerns, who use their personal, lived experiences and training to support other individuals with substance use disorders. Services may include, but are not limited to:

- Participation in the development of a recipient's recovery plan;

- Supporting recipient through goal-setting and skill-building;
- Providing culturally competent care;
- Facilitating peer support groups; and
- Providing referrals and connections to crisis services, community-based supports, or other medically necessary services on a need basis.

Provider Requirements

Medicaid will reimburse peer recovery support services provided by eligible Community-based Substance Use Disorder Programs licensed under COMAR 10.63.03 by the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) as:

- Outpatient Level 1, Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) Level 2.1, and/or Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) Level 2.5 (Medicaid Provider Type 50)
- Opioid Treatment Programs (Medicaid Provider Type 32)

To be eligible for Medicaid reimbursement, peer recovery support services must be rendered by a Certified Peer Recovery Specialist (CPRS) who is certified by the Maryland Addictions and Behavioral-health Professionals Certification Board (MABPCB). CPRS staff must be supervised by a registered peer supervisor (RPS) approved by the MABPCB. To allow time for supervisors to obtain their necessary certification, a non-RPS supervisor may temporarily serve as the peer supervisor from **June 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023** if they are a board-approved supervisor who is either a licensed mental health practitioner defined in COMAR 10.09.59.04A or a certified alcohol and drug counselor. All CPRS staff must be supervised by a RPS on or after September 1, 2023.

Reimbursement Methodology

Procedure Code	Description	Unit of Service	Rate – effective June 1, 2023 -June 30, 2023	Rate – effective July 1, 2023
H0038	Individual Peer Recovery Support Service	15 minutes	\$16.38	\$16.87
H0024	Group Peer Recovery Support Service	15 minutes	\$4.55	\$4.69

Provider Enrollment

Providers must enroll with Maryland Medicaid for this specific service to become eligible for Medicaid reimbursement. Existing Medicaid-enrolled Provider Types 32 and 50 will need to complete a supplemental application via ePREP and provide the following:

- Provider Type specific addenda with the completed attestation for peer recovery support services;
- Copy of peer certifications for all employed peers who will render this service;
- Documentation for the peer supervisor, which includes either a copy of the Registered Peer Supervisor certification; or the credentials for a licensed mental health practitioner or certified drug and alcohol counselor who is approved to supervise by their relevant licensing board¹; and
- Pre-employment background check results for each certified peer and supervisor.

1- On and after September 1, 2023 all peers must be supervised by a Registered Peer Supervisor. Providers who have a previously approved application with a non-RPS supervisor will be required to submit a new supplemental application to upload a copy of a RPS certificate and background check for the RPS to demonstrate compliance with the supervision requirement.

Interested providers not yet enrolled with Medicaid will need to complete a new application via ePREP and include the above.

Provider specific addenda are available here:

<https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/provider/Pages/eprepforms.aspx>

General information about ePREP and provider enrollment is available here:

<https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/provider/Pages/eprepresources.aspx>

For policy questions related to this transmittal, please contact

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