

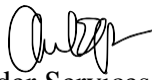


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**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Moratoria Transmittal No. 1**

July 10, 2024

To: Medicaid Behavioral Health Providers

From: Charlie Crisp, Director 
Office of Medicaid Provider Services

Subject: Issuance of Temporary Moratoria for Certain Behavioral Health Providers

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

In accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 455.470, The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) is imposing a temporary moratorium on newly enrolling Medicaid providers effective 07/01/2024 for the following Provider Types and services:

1. Psychiatric Rehabilitation Programs (PRP)
2. Psychiatric Rehabilitation Programs, Health Home
3. Level 2.5 Partial Hospital Programs (PHP), and
4. Level 2.1 Intensive Outpatient Treatment Programs (IOP)

Please note this temporary moratorium will be imposed for a minimum of six (6) months, during this time any enrollment applications submitted for these programs on or after 07/01/2024 will be denied and returned to the provider with a notification that due to this moratorium we are not currently accepting new enrollment applications. Applications submitted prior to 07/01/2024 will be reviewed as normal.

These moratoria were approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and shall be effective on July 1, 2024.

A moratorium for these provider types is one essential part of a multi-pronged approach that

will allow MDH to assess and evaluate the provider landscape, quality of care rendered, compliance with COMAR regulations, and identify, and mitigate potential fraud, waste, and abuse.

The moratorium will not impact access to behavioral health services provided by current PRP, PHP, and IOP providers, individual practitioners (e.g., licensed social workers, licensed professional counselors, psychologists, psychiatrists, etc.), behavioral health services provider clinics operated in regulated hospital spaces, and behavioral health service providers at Federally Qualified Health Centers. Further, MDH will continue to maintain the licensure and enrollment process for existing providers experiencing: license renewals; licenses required for programs identified and funded by state or county grant funding; relocations; mergers and acquisitions; and, extensions required due to accreditation delays.

The Department will be releasing an FAQ document in the coming weeks. We encourage providers to review this document for any commonly asked questions.

If you have any questions about this transmittal, please contact Bha.licensingcompliance@maryland.gov.