

## **Provider Alert**

### **Updated COVID-19 FAQs and Resources**

**July 8, 2020**

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) regularly releases updated guidance, resources and FAQs on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

New Medicaid Alert:

- [\*\*ALERT: Medicaid Provider Partnership Required to Support COVID-19 Testing Goals \(July 2\)\*\*](#)

New and updated COVID-19 resources from BHA:

- [\*\*Monthly Provider Letter from BHA Deputy Secretary\*\*](#) (July 2)
- [\*\*FAQs for Telehealth\*\*](#) (updated July 7)
- [\*\*FAQs for Behavioral Health Partners\*\*](#) (updated July 7)
- [\*\*FAQs for Opioid Treatment Programs\*\*](#) (updated June 4)
- [\*\*NEW Grief and Loss Support Resources\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Virtual Recovery and Wellness Guide\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Mental Health Supports\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Crisis Services Locator Map\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Intimate Partner Violence and Child Maltreatment Resource Guide\*\*](#)

#### **Updates from HHS (July 7, 2020):**

HHS recently announced the additional distributions from the [\*\*Provider Relief Fund\*\*](#) to eligible Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) providers that participate in state Medicaid and CHIP programs. HHS expects to distribute approximately \$15 billion to eligible providers that participate in state Medicaid and CHIP programs and have not received a payment from the Provider Relief Fund General Distribution. Eligible providers must submit their data by July 20. Before applying through the [\*\*Enhanced Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal\*\*](#), applicants can [\*\*watch a webinar about the application process for Medicaid/CHIP providers\*\*](#). An additional webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, July 8 at 4:00 pm, which you can

register for [here](#). You can review the most recent FAQs on the program and the Medicaid/CHIP targeted distribution [here](#).

BHA will continue to update behavioral health COVID-19 related FAQs on the [BHA website](#). Please visit frequently for the latest information. Also, please submit any COVID-19 related questions [here](#) or you can email [bha.inquiries@maryland.gov](mailto:bha.inquiries@maryland.gov).

*Optum Maryland would like to reassure providers that all of our services are operating as normal during the current national response to COVID-19. Providers can continue to contact us at 1 (800) 888-1965. After-hours and holidays will be covered by clinical night staff for crisis and emergency services.*