



PROVIDER ALERT

Estimated Payment Forgiveness

June 13, 2022

Target Audience: All Behavioral Health Providers

The Maryland Department of Health has finalized and approved a forgiveness plan for certain balances that are owed to the state due to overpayments for the Estimated Payment Period of January 1, 2020, to August 3, 2020.

In December 2021, MDH announced that all balances of up to \$10,000 would be forgiven and that balances of up to \$10,000 that had already been received would be reimbursed.

That amount has now been raised to \$25,000 and will work as follows:

1. All outstanding amounts of \$25,000 and less will be forgiven. There is no further action to take for providers who fall in this category.
2. Any outstanding amounts above \$25,000 that are repaid between now and midnight July 15, 2022, down to a balance of \$25,000 will have the remaining \$25,000 forgiven. Wire transfer and check write instructions are provided below. **There will be NO further extensions to this deadline.** Checks must be postmarked no later than July 15, 2022, to qualify for forgiveness.
3. All providers with an Estimated Payment balance of \$0, who have repaid all or part of their balance due with a wire transfer or check (i.e., cash payment), will have that cash payment reimbursed up to \$25,000. We expect to issue checks in August 2022.

Providers will receive a final notice of their Estimated Payment Balance effective July 18, 2022, the week of July 18, and have two (2) business weeks from the date on the notice letter to complete a short survey to select their repayment plan to begin recoupment.

The choices of repayment have been discussed previously and are as follows:

1. Payment in full at the time of notice.
2. A choice of clipping of current claims to recoup the balance equally over a 12-month period to satisfy the amount due.
3. The choice of clipping claims at a percentage rate chosen by the provider, with a balloon payment due at the end of the 12-month period to satisfy the amount due.

4. A combination of #2 and #3, provides a combination of clipping and a monthly cash payment made via ACH withdrawals over 12 months.
5. Monthly cash payments made via ACH withdrawal over a 12-month period.

Please note that any remaining outstanding State negative balance payments will continue to be collected during this time.

If you wish to pay by wire transfer, please contact your Reconciliation Manager at maryland.provpymt@optum.com.

Checks can be made payable to:

Optum Maryland
P.O. BOX 30532
Salt Lake City, UT 84130

- Please include with the check your (legal) provider name, TIN, and reference the activity being repaid, e.g., “*estimated payments.*”

This is the final offer of financial forgiveness for Estimated Payment Balances. There will be no additional offers forthcoming..

Thank you,

Optum Maryland Team

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