

Provider Alert

New Funding Opportunity and COVID-19 Survey

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The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) regularly releases guidance and resources related to COVID-19. Here is the latest information:

New Funding Opportunity

The State of Maryland re-opened the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) and Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) application for the Maryland Nonprofit Recovery Initiative (NORI) on Monday, September 21 at 12 p.m., and it will now remain open until October 9. **It will close October 9, 2020 at 5 p.m. or when grant requests exceed available funding.**

The application also has updated **FUNDING CRITERIA** to include (1) grant assistance for basic operating support and (2) an increase in the maximum grant request amount for all applicants.

Eligible nonprofit organizations can receive up to \$75,000 in grant assistance for operational support. For more information, including eligibility requirements and application guidelines, visit <https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Pages/BHA-DDA-NOFA.aspx>

To apply:

<https://onestop.md.gov/forms/BHA-DDA-Maryland-Nonprofit-Recovery-Initiative-5f2042f07b104b0100641f0a>

Reminder: Behavioral Health Provider Survey Due Friday

BHA created a new, brief survey for all Behavioral Health System stakeholders about the impact of the pandemic. This is a follow-up to a similar survey sent in May. BHA will use the responses to this follow-up survey to develop interventions to address the consequences of this crisis on behavioral health consumers' health care-seeking behaviors.

- [Learn about the BHA's latest survey](#) in this letter from BHA Deputy Secretary Dr. Aliya Jones
- [Take the confidential and anonymous survey now](#) (**deadline is this Friday, September 25**)

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.

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.

Thank you,

Optum Maryland Team