



## A Guide to the ASO Transition:

### Releases of Information for SUD Diagnoses (42 CFR, Part 2)

Effective January 1, 2020, Optum Maryland will be the ASO for Maryland's Public Behavioral Health System. Please find more information on our website: [health.maryland.gov/mdh-aso-transition](https://health.maryland.gov/mdh-aso-transition)

#### Who Needs an ROI?

- Due to 42 CFR, Part 2, you must have an ROI in order to share SUD data with your participant's Managed Care Organization (MCO).
- Even if you have a current ROI on file, a new release will be required before the launch of the new ASO vendor.
- If the primary diagnosis is mental health, you are able to bypass and indicate that the member does not need the ROI.

#### What Should You Do Now?

- **Please begin collecting ROIs immediately** for all of your participants *with a SUD diagnosis*.
  - Please USE THE FORM BELOW ONLY
  - Fax directly to Optum at **855-293-5407** AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
  - If you have questions, please contact Karl Steinkraus with Optum at [Karl.steinkraus@optum.com](mailto:Karl.steinkraus@optum.com).

#### What Will This Process Look Like in the Future?

- Optum is building an automated system for completing, tracking, and retaining these ROI forms.
- After the launch of the new ASO, it will be possible to load ROI digitally into the Provider Portal, but for now, you must continue to use the fax number.
- We strongly encourage you to work with your clients to educate them about the value of data sharing for coordination of care and optimal clinical decision-making.

**Training is now live! Check the ASO Transition site for links to sign up. YOU MUST BE TRAINED AND REGISTERED WITH OPTUM'S PORTAL in order to submit claims and receive payment.**

Access the latest information and FAQs on the MDH BHASO transition website:

[health.maryland.gov/mdh-aso-transition](https://health.maryland.gov/mdh-aso-transition).

Direct transition-related questions to 1-800-888-1965 or [mdh.bhasotransition@maryland.gov](mailto:mdh.bhasotransition@maryland.gov).