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## *Residential Level 3.1 RJOT Minutes*

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**February 1, 2019**

**Attendees:**

- Minutes: Call from 9:30-10:30 am attendees:
- BHA Attendees: Cynthia Petion, Marian Bland, Kimberly Qualls and Steve Reeder, Sheba Jeyachandran
- Medicaid Attendees: Nicholas Shearin, Emily Suminski
- Beacon Attendees: Karl Steinkraus, Dr. Enrique Olivares, Joana Joasil, Donna Shipp, Kristen Rose, Tyra Green-Lorenzo
- Provider/Agency Attendees:

**Announcements:**

- Providers who have submitted authorizations and claims for level 3.1 members under a different level of care, such as IOP, should contact Beacon for assistance in correcting these errors to reflect the appropriate level of care authorization and claims billing codes. Please email these errors to [marylandproviderrelations@beaconhealthoptions.com](mailto:marylandproviderrelations@beaconhealthoptions.com) for assistance.
- Provider should be checking the e-Prep system daily to determine the status of their applications and whether additional information is needed.

**Questions:**

1. I am writing to inquire about the recent **PRP-3.1 exclusion**. It appears as though there was not a regulatory process shared with providers prior to implementing the exclusion. This has left providers with very little input or planning for consumers that are currently in both programs.
2. Will there be any timelines or dates of when the state will have answers regarding the recent PRP and 3.1 exclusion or also when the billing and provider information (special populations - PWC/8507) will be resolved from the state? BHA (Suzette Tucker) is reporting that the applications for speciality providers are not finalized and therefore providers cannot apply to be a speciality provider or submit billing for these speciality populations.

Both questions were concerning 3.1 and PRP services. BHA response:

**Response: We have taken your feedback into consideration and will reimburse for ASAM 3.1 Residential Services and PRP at this time. We will continue to examine as we conduct a re-assessment of all public behavioral health services. ASAM Level 3.3 should also be considered in lieu of ASAM 3.1/PRP combination if the assessment indicate that this level is more clinically appropriate.**

**Applications for Specialty Pregnant Women and Women with Children (PWC) has been finalized. BHA's Office of Gender-specific Services is sending out the applications to all of the providers who have requested to become a PWC Specialty Provider. Providers who were providing services under the previous grant funded system will be allowed to bill as a PWC provider through 2/14/19. If application is not received by 2/14/19, you will not be able to bill at the specialty rate. After BHA receives your application to become a specialty PWC provider, the Office of Gender-Specific Services will schedule a site survey. For questions about the PWC application, please email [gss.unit@maryland.gov](mailto:gss.unit@maryland.gov)**

**For those providers seeking the Specialty rate as a Health General 8-507 provider, a copy of the 8-507 court order must be submitted to Beacon Health Options at the time of authorization. For additional questions related to HG 8-507, you may contact Nicolle Birckhead if you have any additional questions about the 8-507 process at [nicolle.birckhead@maryland.gov](mailto:nicolle.birckhead@maryland.gov).**

Questions addressed during the meeting:

1. Provider also inquired about security deposits and if they can continue the practice or if they need to refund consumers.

The Department will review this issue further. Still under review.

Additional Discussion: BHA is forming a "learning cooperative" led by Kim Qualls. BHA hopes to garner input from 3—5 providers to brainstorm best practices, barriers to care, billing issues, and develop creative new topics. Any provider interest, please send your name to [marylandproviderrelations@beaconhealthoptions.com](mailto:marylandproviderrelations@beaconhealthoptions.com)

BHA is also looking into the issue of residential services and MAT services