

## PROVIDER ALERT

### NEW: Peer Support Program

May 11, 2023

#### Target Audience: SUD, OTP, and FQHC Providers

Effective June 1, 2023, the Peer Support Program will go into effect. This alert details the action providers will need to take if they wish to participate in this program.

- A detailed presentation on the Peer Support Program will be included in the May Provider Council Meeting, on Friday, May 12, at 10:00am EDT. [Register here](#) to join this meeting.

#### Who Can Provide These Services

To participate in this program, and receive reimbursement for Peer Support services, providers must maintain an active BHA license and enroll with Medicaid as one of the following provider types:

- Community-based Substance Use Disorder Programs licensed under COMAR 10.63.03 as OP Level 1, IOP Level 2.1, and/or PHP Level 2.5 (**Medicaid Provider Type 50**)
- Opioid Treatment Programs (**Medicaid Provider Type 32**)
- Federally Qualified Health Center (**Medicaid Provider Type 34**)

Certified Peer Recovery services must be rendered by staff with a current certification as a Certified Peer Recovery Specialist (CPRS) from the Maryland Addiction and Behavioral-health Professionals Certification Board (MABPCB).

CPRS staff must be supervised by one of the following:

- A Registered Peer Supervisor (RPS) approved by the peer certification entity designated by BHA
- Temporarily, from June 1, 2023 to September 1, 2023, a non-RPS who is a licensed mental health professional **or** a licensed or certified alcohol and drug counselor, who is approved to supervise by the relevant board.

#### How to Apply to Provide Peer Support Services

Providers not yet enrolled with Medicaid will need to complete a new application via ePREP. Enrollment resources can be found at:

<https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/provider/Pages/eprepresources.aspx>

Providers who are already enrolled with Medicaid will need to complete a supplemental application via ePREP and provide the following:

- A copy of the Provider Type specific addenda with the completed attestation for peer recovery support services. Please see [details here](#).
- Copies of the CPRS credentialing certificates for those peers working in the program
- A copy of the Registered Peer Supervisor's certificate or, until September 1, 2023, the credentials for a licensed mental health practitioner or certified drug and alcohol counselor who is approved to supervise by their relevant licensing board, and;
- Background check results for each certified peer recovery specialist and supervisor.

After September 1, 2023, providers must employ an RPS to be eligible for service reimbursement.

Please note: New background checks are not required for existing Peers and Peer Supervisors. As part of the existing COMAR 10.63.01.05C regulations, providers are required to facilitate background checks on all employees upon hiring. Providers can use these background checks when submitting documentation through ePREP.

### **Requesting Authorizations for Peer Support Services**

The following community-based SUD authorization plans will include the two new codes: H0038 and H0024:

Auth Plan Name
SUD-Outpatient-Initial or Concurrent
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FQHC
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SUD-IOP Concurrent
SUD-IOP Concurrent
SUD-Partial Hospitalization-Concurrent Reque
SUD-Partial Hospitalization-Concurrent Reque
SUD-Partial Hospitalization-Initial Request
SUD-Partial Hospitalization-Initial Request
SUD-IOP Initial
SUD-IOP Initial

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Thank you,

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