



PROVIDER ALERT

Request for Applications: Interoperability Program for BHA Providers

May 2, 2024

Target Audience: All Behavioral Health Providers

In response to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) rule requiring health insurers to make it easier for patients to access their health care, including prices, and for providers to report this information, the Maryland Department of Health (MDH or the Department), Behavioral Health Administration (BHA), established an Interoperability Program for Behavioral Health Providers and issued a Request for Applications (RFA) to provide investment in the hardware, software, and training needed to use Electronic Health Records (EHRs). This will improve quality and access to health information, allowing Medicaid participants and their providers to make informed health care decisions. The Interoperability Program will:

- Adopt, implement, and/or upgrade/optimize EHR systems for Behavioral Health providers.
- Provide initial and ongoing user education services to Behavioral Health providers; and
- Onboard and connect to CRISP, Maryland's Health Information Exchange.

Eligibility Criteria:

- A Medicaid provider organization that has adjudicated claims within FY21-FY23 to provide services either through contract or fee-for-service.
- Licensed under COMAR 10.21 and/or 10.63 as a substance use, mental health, or integrated behavioral health program.

The RFA will close on May 14, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., EDT. Further information about this program can be [found here](#).

Thank you,

Optum Maryland Team