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ONE-TIME ONLY ACCREDITATION ASSISTANCE

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This alert is to inform providers of the availability of funds to assist behavioral health providers with accreditation. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) will provide funding, contingent on availability, to Local Health Departments (LHDs) Local Behavioral Health Authorities (LBHAs), Local Addiction Authorities (LAAs), and/or Core Service Agencies (CSAs), to assist behavioral health providers with becoming accredited.

Through October 31, 2017, providers can request one-time only funding through the local entities identified (LHDs, LBHAs, LAAs, or CSAs). Eligible activities for accreditation assistance include the following:

- Application fee for accreditation;
- Purchase of manual and workbook; or
- Fees associated with the accrediting body's Site visit/Survey;

Non-eligible activities include, but are not limited to the following:

- Consultation
- Staff time
- Hiring additional staff to meet accreditation requirements
- Equipment
- Office supplies
- Computer software



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In order to be eligible to receive assistance, the provider must:

- Be currently approved or certified to provide services in Maryland;
- Provide or plan to provide services to Medicaid eligible or uninsured individuals who meet the medical necessity criteria for public behavioral health services;
- Register or be registered as a Medicaid provider if services are reimbursed by Medicaid (ASAM Level 3.1 grant funded residential programs are excluded from this requirement);
- Obtain or have a National Provider Identifier (NPI) number;
- Register or be registered with Beacon Health Options; and
- Provide an explanation as to why assistance is needed, a plan for becoming accredited by the required deadline, and a detailed budget for the request.
- Receipt or proof of payment must be submitted to the local behavioral health authority and the Behavioral Health Administration for all one-time only assistance awarded.

New Providers who intend to meet the requirements listed above may also apply for one-time only accreditation support.

Request for one-time only accreditation assistance must be submitted through the Core Service Agency (CSA), Local Addiction Authority (LAA), or Local Behavioral Health Authority (LBHA). The following is the link to the Maryland Association of Behavioral Health Authorities <https://www.marylandbehavioralhealth.org/>.