



PROVIDER ALERT

Behavioral Health Administration Notice of Funding Announcement (NOFA)

January 26, 2022

Target Audience: All Maryland American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Residential Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment Providers are eligible to apply.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS:
5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 23, 2022
(Late submissions will not be considered)

Funding will be awarded through the Local Authority (Local Behavioral Health Authority/Local Addiction Authority-LBHA/LAA)

All provider applications for funding should be submitted electronically via email to Risa Davis and Kendralyn Dike at pocigrant.bha@maryland.gov, and contain in the Subject Line: COVID-19 SABG POCI Proposal.

PURPOSE:

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH), Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) was recently awarded COVID-19 Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) Funding in the amount of **\$31,943,446**. Funding in the amount of **\$4,317,696** will be utilized to implement a pilot program for a COVID-19 Point of Care Testing Initiative (COVID-19 POCI) that will allow for routine and initial testing for the COVID-19 disease upon admission to a program using molecular or antigen rapid tests. These testing efforts aim to support the diagnosis and monitoring of COVID-19 infection within residential SUD treatment facilities.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Any of the 23 local jurisdictions and Baltimore City with ASAM level residential SUD treatment programs with approved medical personnel are eligible to apply. The provider

must be licensed through the BHA, certified through an approved State of Maryland Behavioral Health accrediting body, and has reported multiple and consistent COVID-19 outbreaks within the past 12 calendar months through BHA's COVID-19 reporting platform, a local health department, and/or to the Local Authority in their jurisdiction. Providers with the lowest vaccination rates among participants of the Public Behavioral Health System (PBHS) may also be considered.

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[To access the NOFA, please click here.](#)

Any questions related to this announcement should be directed to pocigrant.bha@maryland.gov.

Thank you,

Optum Maryland Team