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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
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TO: Federally Qualified Health Centers
 Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization

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RE: Medicaid Coverage of Peer Recovery Support Services in Federally Qualified Health Centers

NOTE: **Please ensure that the appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the content of this transmittal.**

Effective June 1, 2023, Maryland Medicaid will reimburse Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) for peer recovery support services provided to participants receiving substance use disorder (SUD) services at their center.

Peer recovery support service is the provision of non-clinical activities by individuals in recovery from behavioral health concerns, including substance use disorders or mental health concerns, who use their personal, lived experiences and training to support other individuals with substance use disorders. Services may include, but are not limited to:

- Participation in the development of a recipient's recovery plan;
- Supporting recipient through goal-setting and skill-building;
- Providing culturally competent care;
- Facilitating peer support groups; and
- Providing referrals and connections to crisis services, community-based supports, or other medically necessary services on a need basis.

Provider Requirements

Medicaid will reimburse for peer recovery support services provided by eligible Federally Qualified Health Centers (Medicaid Provider Type 34) who render SUD services. This service is not reimbursable for participants to whom FQHCs render mental health services.

To be eligible for Medicaid reimbursement, peer recovery support services must be performed by a Certified Peer Recovery Specialist (CPRS) who is certified by the Maryland Addictions and Behavioral-health Professionals Certification Board (MABPCB). CPRS staff must be supervised

by a registered peer supervisor (RPS) approved by the peer certification entity designated by the MABPCB. To allow time for supervisors to obtain their necessary certification, a non-RPS supervisor may temporarily serve as the peer supervisor from **June 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023** if they are a board-approved supervisor who is either a licensed mental health practitioner defined in COMAR 10.09.59.04A or a certified alcohol and drug counselor. All CPRS staff must be supervised by a RPS for dates on or after September 1, 2023.

Reimbursement Methodology and Billing Procedures

FQHCs will **only** be reimbursed at the per-visit inclusive rate for peer services when they are rendered in conjunction with an evaluation and management service or individual therapy. If **only** peer services are rendered on a date of service, FQHCs should bill H0038 and/or H0024 using the fee-for-service rates for each code shown below:

Procedure Code	Description	Unit of Service	Proposed Rate
H0038/SC	Individual Peer Recovery Support Service	15 minutes	\$16.38
H0024/SC	Group Peer Recovery Support Service	15 minutes	\$4.55

FQHCs are required to have a rendering provider on the claim. To meet this requirement, FQHCs should include the eligible peer supervisor as the rendering provider on the claim. Medicaid does not have a specified provider type to enroll as an individual CPRS.

Provider Enrollment

Providers must enroll with Maryland Medicaid for this specific service to become eligible for Medicaid reimbursement. FQHCs already enrolled with Medicaid will need to complete a supplemental application via ePREP and provide the following:

- FQHC (Medicaid Provider Type 34) specific addendum with the completed attestation for peer recovery support services;
- Copy of peer certifications for all employed peers who will render this service;
- Documentation for the peer supervisor which includes either a copy of Registered Peer Supervisor certification; or the credentials for a licensed mental health practitioner or certified drug and alcohol counselor who is approved to supervise by their relevant licensing board¹; and
- Pre-employment background checks for each certified peer and supervisor.

¹On and after September 1, 2023 all peers must be supervised by a Registered Peer Supervisor. Providers who have a previously approved application with a non-RPS supervisor will be required to submit a new supplemental application to document compliance with the RPS supervision requirement.

Interested providers not yet enrolled with Medicaid will need to complete a new application via ePREP and include the above.

Provider specific addenda are available here:

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

General information about ePREP and provider enrollment is available here:

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

For policy questions related to this transmittal, please contact

mdh.mabehavioralhealth@maryland.gov.

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