Maryland Medical Assistance Program
Provider Enrollment COVID-19 Temporary Changes Memorandum

To: All Medicaid Providers; HealthChoice Managed Care Organizations;
             Optum Behavioral Health ASO

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Subject: Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Provider Enrollment

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On March 5, 2020, Governor Larry Hogan proclaimed a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

During the state of emergency, the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) will temporarily relax certain Medicaid provider enrollment requirements. These temporary measures are efforts to reduce administrative strain and allow providers to focus on patient care. These measures end when the Governor's state of emergency ends.

MDH has made a number of changes that allow us to fully execute the Governor's Executive Order titled, "Health Care Matters" dated March 16, 2020.[1]

Executive Order

Licensure Requirements

1. ***Non-Suspension of Licenses About to Expire***
   Maryland Medical Assistance Program (Maryland Medicaid) is temporarily not enforcing the COMAR 10.09.36.02 requirement to "be licensed and legally authorized to practice or deliver services in the state in which the service is provided." The Program will not suspend any Medicaid providers whose licenses are set to expire until the state of emergency ends. Furthermore, effective March 5, 2020, Maryland Medicaid has reactivated provider licenses with end of February expiration dates that had not been updated in ePREP. Maryland Medicaid will require an updated and active license on file for all providers after

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[1] https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Executive-Order-Health-Care-Matters.pdf

the state of emergency ends.

2. ***Enroll Providers with Expired Licenses or Licenses from Out of State***
    Maryland Medicaid will not enforce the [COMAR 10.09.36.02](#) requirement to have an active license on file to receive payment for services during the state of emergency. Maryland Medicaid will permit enrollment for an individual who has an expired Maryland license or out-of-State license, as long as there is no apparent Board sanction. Maryland Medicaid requests that providers continue to submit any license updates via ePREP during the state of emergency. Maryland Medicaid will require an updated and active license on file for all providers after the state of emergency ends.

Other Provider Enrollment Flexibilities

The Maryland Medicaid program has postponed two additional provider enrollment requirements in order to fully align with the Executive Order or to further expedite provider enrollment.

1. ***Postpone Provider Revalidation Application Requirements***
    Maryland Medicaid will suspend revalidation requirements per [42 C.F.R. § 455.414](#), beginning March 2020 until the state of emergency ends. Maryland Medicaid will continue provider revalidations when the state of emergency ends.

2. ***Not Requiring Site Visits Prior to Enrollment***
    Maryland Medicaid will not require pre-enrollment site visits for "moderate" or "high" risk providers per [42 CFR § 455.432.](#) MDH will conduct post enrollment site visits for these providers after the state of emergency ends.

If you have any questions about this communication, please email mdh.providerenrollment@maryland.gov or call 410-767-5340 and a member of the Medicaid Provider Enrollment team will get back to you as soon as possible.

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