



PROVIDER ALERT

Providers' Responsibility To Screen For Excluded Individuals

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This is a reminder that all providers who participate in Maryland Medicaid and receive Medicaid payments for services rendered are responsible for checking the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Inspector General's (DHHS-OIG) website to assure that they are not wrongfully contracting or employing an excluded individual. OIG has the authority to exclude individuals and entities from federally funded health care programs for a variety of reasons. The DHHS-OIG website is <https://www.oig.hhs.gov/exclusions/index.asp>.

It is every individual provider's and agency's responsibility to assure that all staff working with Medicaid programs, either through direct service or administrative support, are eligible to participate in programs receiving federal reimbursement.

Failure to screen employees and contractors, and maintaining documentation of the regular screening, can result in disciplinary action. To ensure compliance, each agency should complete this screening procedure for all employees every 30 days.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Beacon Provider Relations at abamarylandproviderrelations@beaconhealthoptions.com

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