

## **PROVIDER ALERT**

### **NEW: Medicaid Crisis Services Implementation Update**

**June 1, 2023**

#### **Target Audience: All Behavioral Health Providers**

The purpose of this alert is to inform providers and stakeholders that the Department is postponing the scheduled July 1, 2023 effective date for licensing and Medicaid reimbursement for mobile crisis team services and behavioral health crisis stabilization center services.

Maryland Medicaid and the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) have rigorously reviewed the public comments submitted in response to the proposed mobile crisis team services and behavioral health crisis stabilization center services regulations. In order to best address and incorporate many of the requested changes, Medicaid (10.09.16) and BHA (10.63.01.02, 10.63.01.05, 10.63.02.02, 10.63.03.20 and 10.63.03.21) are actively updating their respective regulations with the goal of resubmitting updated proposals in the coming months.

The Department intends to delay the promulgation date to accommodate time to implement changes and to allow for the re-proposal of the regulations. The Department has not yet determined the new implementation date.

Once the Department has determined a new implementation date, we will communicate the new date via provider alert.

The Department wishes to thank our provider network and stakeholders for offering such breadth of helpful feedback and suggestions.

Please see the [May 18, 2023 Provider Alert: New Crisis Intervention Program Initiative](#) for more information about the accreditation process required to become a mobile crisis team provider or behavioral health crisis stabilization center services provider. Providers interested in these services are encouraged to keep working with their Accreditation Organizations to ensure that they can be scheduled for the necessary accreditation surveys.

Thank you,

Optum Maryland Team