**Maryland Department of Health**

**Behavioral Health Administration**

**Reimbursement of Problem Gambling Residential Treatment Services**

The Maryland Department of Health, Behavioral Health Administration, has enhanced its partnership with Behavioral Health System Baltimore (BHSB) around the issue of providing reimbursement for gambling services. Currently, the Behavioral Health Administration, through BHSB, reimburses for Level 1 and 2.1 services for the treatment of gambling disorders. BHSB will now also provide reimbursement for American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Level 3.3 and 3.5 residential services for individuals with a diagnosis of a Gambling Disorder.

Providers must obtain a registration form from the BHSB website <http://www.bhsbaltimore.org/for-providers/forms-for-providers/> and email the completed registration form to MDGamTreatment@bhsbaltimore.org. BHSB will confirm registration within 72 hours of receiving the completed registration form. The confirmation email will include instruction on how to access BHSB’s Contract Management System (CMS) and how to complete and submit the fee-for-service invoice.

Reimbursable services will include level 3.3 and level 3.5 residential services. The rate of reimbursement for level 3.3 and 3.5 residential services will be the same rates as currently reimbursed for these levels of care in the substance use disorder treatment system.

Daily rates for level 3.3 (W7330) and 3.5 (W7350) are $189.44 plus $45.84 for room and board (RESRB), for a total daily rate of $235.28.

1. For a program to be eligible for reimbursement for gambling services, all of the following criteria must be met: Must be OHCQ licensed for ASAM Level 3.3 and/or 3.5
2. Must enroll with Maryland Medicaid as a Residential SUD for Adults program, Provider Type 54
3. Must be registered with Beacon Health Options Maryland
4. Must be registered with BHSB as a gambling provider

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**Programs must ensure staff are trained and competent to provide services to those with a gambling disorder.** The Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling is available to provide Problem Gambling Disorder training and clinical consultation at no cost to programs. Contact the Center at [www.mdproblemgambling.com](http://www.mdproblemgambling.com) or phone (1) 667-214-2120 for further information.

For a patient to be eligible to receive reimbursable gambling services they must have a diagnosis of gambling disorder. Gambling Disorder treatment services are eligible for reimbursement through BHSB regardless of patient income or insurance status.

Funds are available through BHSB from September 12, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Reimbursement for gambling disorder treatment will be subject to BHSB auditing.

BHA is currently determining the reimbursement structure for gambling services beginning 1/1/2018. Once details are finalized, a provider alert will be issued and information will be shared through local stakeholder meetings.