

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

Re: Six-Month Pause on New Enrollments of Select Provider Types

**1. We are working with a few providers with surveys scheduled in the next few months. Will they be able to submit an agreement to cooperate and a state license and just not enroll in ePrep?**

A. To avoid reduplication of effort, Medicaid will not be reviewing new applications from any providers who currently are not billing Medicaid. Any application for a provider that does not fall into one of the exception categories identified in the press release will have their application returned if it was not received by 11:59p on June 30, 2024.

**2. Is licensing planned to open again in January? Other providers are interested in starting the process this fall, but we don't want them to schedule surveys if licensing won't open back up in January. Carf takes a few months to schedule.**

A. MDH is conducting a thorough evaluation of the licensing and accreditation process to ensure patients receive the highest quality of care. While this process is anticipated to take six months, it is possible that the moratorium could be extended.

**3. Are existing providers able to expand and add locations during this time?**

A. No, the pause in the Medicaid enrollment of new PRP-Adults, PRP-Minors, PRP-Health Homes, SUD-IOP(Level 2.1), and SUD-PHP-(Level 2.5) will include existing providers enrolled as a Medicaid participating provider who is seeking to expand their service licensure.

**4. Are licenses being processed during this period and Medicaid enrollment is just not being processed? IOP and PHP can be done via private pay and commercial insurance, so just wanted to clarify if the licenses are being paused or just Medicaid enrollment.**

- A. New provider licenses and existing provider services expansions will be issued
- B. Providers who are not currently Medicaid providers will not be permitted to enroll as a Medicaid provider

**5. If an existing provider is adding a new location does the fall under the pause?**

A. Yes. existing providers adding services will fall under the pause.

**6. Are there exceptions to the pause for providers who have already secured accreditation, office space for IOP & PHP but have not submitted their application?**

A. There is no exception at this time if a potential provider has received accreditation but did not submit an application by 11:59p on June 30, 2024.

**7. Does the pause affect Medicaid and Medicare only?**

A. Yes, providers who accept commercial insurance or self-pay only will not be impacted by the pause.

**8. Would new applications for other insurance programs and/or self pay still be considered?**

A. All applications for licensure are reviewed and processed in the order in which the fully completed application is received.

**9. In regards to the pasted copy of your press release, can you please clarify if the six month pause on license submission pertains ONLY to applicants pursuing Medicaid enrollments, or does this pertain to ALL new programs to include both ASAM levels 2.1 and 2.5?**

A. See question 7 & 8.

**10. Can the same exemption as the mergers and acquisitions be applied to providers who are already in the process of opening?**

A. No, new provider enrollments and existing provider service expansions will not be permitted to enroll with Maryland Medicaid during the 6 month pause even if the provider has already started the accreditation process.

**11. Will LBHA/CSA/LAA continue to sign agreements to cooperate with new providers? A. LBHA/CSA/LAA will continue to sign agreements to cooperate with providers**

**12. Does this pause affect only programs under Medicare/Medicaid? Or would it affect all types of private insurance and/self-pay situations? In other words, if we started a new license without Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement and accepting other insurance plans/self-pay options, would we still be able to file a new application for a PHP + IOP program?**

A. See question 7 above.

**13. It states that applications submitted prior to July 1, 2024 will be reviewed as normal. Does this mean the licensing applications OR the Medicaid enrollment applications? Both**

A. Medicaid will proceed with reviewing the enrollment applications submitted prior to 7/1/24.  
BHA will process licensing applications submitted after 7/1/2024.