



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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### **Behavioral Health Administration**

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To: Recovery Residence Providers

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RE: Extension of Certificates of Compliance

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On March 5, 2020, a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency was proclaimed in Maryland. Recognizing that this may impact the State's ability to timely process renewals of expiring permits, licenses, and registrations, Governor Hogan issued an executive order governing said licenses. The executive order extends licenses that would expire during this period of a state of emergency.

The order automatically extends all licenses, which includes certificates of compliance issued by the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) to providers under the following statute, Health General §19-2501. All certificates of compliance that would otherwise expire during the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency and would be renewable during this time will be automatically extended to the 30th day after the date by which the state of emergency is terminated and the catastrophic health emergency is rescinded.

Providers who have a certificate of compliance set to expire during the period of the state of emergency will receive correspondence from BHA stating the certificate of compliance has been extended until the 30th day after the date the state of emergency is terminated, and catastrophic health emergency is rescinded.

Keep the document as support of an active certificate of compliance should you be audited by an outside agency. It is the certified recovery residence's responsibility to ensure an application for licensure or re-licensure is submitted in a timely manner upon lifting of the state of emergency.

BHA will make every effort to continue processing applications for an initial and renewal of a certificate of compliance during this state of emergency. If the recovery residence has a complete application for an initial certificate of compliance or a renewal of certificate of

compliance, it should submit the application to BHA as soon as possible. **Applications will not be accepted in person during the state of emergency.**

The application should be submitted by the U.S. Postal Service or electronically as PDFs. An electronic submission should be submitted to [mcorr.info@maryland.gov](mailto:mcorr.info@maryland.gov).

Any questions may be submitted to: [mcorr.info@maryland.gov](mailto:mcorr.info@maryland.gov). Please understand that you may not receive an immediate response.

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