On December 17, 2020, Governor Larry Hogan announced that Medicaid behavioral health and long term care provider rate increases pursuant to Maryland Senate Bill 280 (2019) will go into effect January 1, 2021, rather than July 1, 2021. As such, the Department is making the following updates to provider rates included in Maryland’s State Plan. Written comments may be emailed to Katia Fortune, katia.fortune@maryland.gov.

**Nursing Facilities:** For dates of service beginning January 1, 2021, the Maryland Medical Assistance reimbursement rates for nursing facilities will increase by 4 percent. The rate increase is consistent with the Program’s budget for State Fiscal Year 2021. The amount of the projected rate increase is $25,428,000 during the period January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 (50 percent general funds, $12,714,000; 50 percent federal funds, $12,714,000).

**REM:** Effective January 1, 2021, the Maryland Medical Assistance reimbursement rates for Rare and Expensive Case Management will increase by 4 percent. This represents an estimated $170,765 increase in total funds (47 percent general funds, $80,259; 53 percent federal funds, $90,505).

**DDA TCM:** For dates of service beginning January 1, 2021, the Maryland Medical Assistance reimbursement rate for Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) targeted case management (TCM) providers will increase 4 percent. These TCM services are also called Coordination of Community Services. DDA TCM services target three populations of individuals with developmental disabilities: (1) individuals on the Developmental Disabilities Waiting List who have been determined to have a disability; (2) individuals needing community coordination services; and (3) individuals transitioning to the community. This represents an estimated $1,235,263 total fund increase (50 percent general funds, $617,631; 50 percent federal funds, $617,631).

**Private Duty Nursing:** For dates of service beginning January 1, 2021, the Maryland Medical Assistance reimbursement rates for private duty nursing services will increase by 4 percent. This represents an estimated $2,303,600 increase in total funds for this program (48.8 percent general funds, $1,124,157; 51.2 percent federal funds, $1,179,443).

**Behavioral Health**

**ABA:** For dates of service beginning January 1, 2021, the Maryland Medical Assistance reimbursement rates for covered applied behavioral analysis services will increase by 3.5 percent. This represents an estimated $106,015 increase in total funds (41.2 percent general funds, $43,678; 58.8 percent federal funds, $62,336).
Adult Residential SUD: Effective January 1, 2021, the Maryland Medical Assistance reimbursement rates for Adult Residential SUD services will increase by 3.5 percent. This represents an estimated $1,761,249 increase in total funds (60 percent general funds, $1,056,749; 40 percent federal funds, $704,499).

Community-Based SUD: Effective January 1, 2021, the Maryland Medical Assistance reimbursement rates for Community-Based SUD services will increase by 3.5 percent. This represents an estimated $3,897,072 increase in total funds (40 percent general funds, $1,558,828; 60 percent federal funds, $2,338,243)

Mental Health: Effective January 1, 2021 the Maryland Medical Assistance reimbursement rates for Mental Health services will increase by 3.5 percent. This represents an estimated $10,728,571 increase in total funds (40 percent general funds, $4,291,428; 60 percent federal funds, $6,437,142).

Effective January 1, 2021, the reimbursement rates for community-based Mental Health services funded through Maryland’s Public Behavioral Health System will increase by 3.5 percent. This represents an estimated $614,494 increase in total funds (100 percent general funds)

BH TCM for Adults: Effective January 1, 2021, the Maryland Medical Assistance reimbursement rates for TCM for adults will increase by 3.5 percent. This rate change represents an estimated $172,577 increase in total funds (39 percent general funds, $67,305; 61 percent federal funds, $105,271).

BH TCM for Children: Effective January 1, 2021, the Maryland Medical Assistance reimbursement rates for TCM for children will increase by 3.5 percent. This rate change represents an estimated $143,406 increase in total funds (36 percent general funds, $51,339; 64 percent federal funds, $92,066).

BH Health Home: Effective January 1, 2021, the Maryland Medical Assistance Behavioral Health, Health Home program reimbursement rates will increase by 3.5 percent. This rate change represents an estimated $134,147 increase in total funds (50 percent general funds, $67,073.60; 50 percent federal funds, $67,073.60).

1915i: Effective January 1, 2021, the Maryland Medical Assistance reimbursement rates for the 1915i Home and Community Based Services Program will increase by 3.5 percent. This rate change represents an estimated $1,916 increase in total funds (35.37 percent general funds, $677; 64.63 percent federal funds, $1,238.)

Therapeutic Behavioral Services: Effective January 1, 2021, the Maryland Medical Assistance reimbursement rates for Therapeutic Behavioral Services will increase by 3.5 percent. This rate change represents an estimated $27,022 increase in total funds (35.37 percent general funds, $9,557; 64.63 percent federal funds, $17,464).