



# Maryland Medicaid Community Violence Prevention Benefit

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# Benefit Overview

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- Effective July 1, 2023, Maryland Medicaid will provide reimbursement for eligible community violence prevention services as required by HB 1005/SB 350 – Community Violence Prevention Services (Chs. 504 and 505 of the 2022 Acts)<sup>1</sup>
  - Maryland is the second state to apply for a Medicaid State Plan Amendment for this benefit
- “Community violence” means intentional acts of interpersonal violence (defined as the intentional use of physical force or power against another individual by an individual or a small group of individuals) committed in public areas by individuals who are not family members or intimate partners of the victim
  - 40% of violent injuries are paid by Medicaid nationally
  - Exposure to acts of violence increases the likelihood of perpetrating a violent act later in life



# Covered Services

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- Community violence prevention services are evidence-based, trauma-informed, support services for the purpose of promoting improved health outcomes, preventing further injury, and future violence
- Covered services include: Mentorship, conflict mediation, crisis intervention, referrals to certified or licensed health care professionals or social services providers, patient education, and screening services to victims of violence

# Provider Eligibility

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- Community violence prevention services are delivered at an institutional level by *Violence Prevention Providers* (“VP”)
  - Entities must:
    - Maintain an affiliation with an authorized hospital
    - Obtain a \*NEW\* Type II Organizational (Practice Type 99 - Other) National Provider Identifier (NPI) number under the 405300000X Taxonomy - Prevention Professional
    - Provide documentation in ePREP application that employees are certified violence prevention professionals
    - Contract with Maryland’s HealthChoice MCO prior to submitting HealthChoice claims for HealthChoice participants
- Violence Prevention Professionals must complete MDH approved community violence prevention training - HAVI<sup>2</sup>
  - Note: Individual violence prevention professionals are not eligible to enroll as a “VP” provider type

# Hospital Affiliation

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- VPs must be affiliated with an authorized in-state or out-of-state hospital in order to qualify for reimbursement
- As determined by Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMMS), Maryland hospitals must have one of the following designations:
  - Primary Care Resource Center (PARC)
  - Level I Trauma Center;
  - Level II Trauma Center; or
  - Pediatric Trauma Center
- Hospitals not located in Maryland must have one of the following designations, as defined by the American College of Surgeons:
  - Level I Trauma Center;
  - Level II Trauma Center; or
  - Pediatric Trauma Center

# Reimbursement Methodology

| CPT Code*<br>(modifier) | Description   | Proposed Rate | Provider Type | Place of Service   | Limitations   |
|-------------------------|---|---------------|---------------|--|---|
| 99402                   | Preventive medicine counseling: 30 minutes                                      | \$32.76       | VP            | 19 - Off-campus Outpatient Hospital<br>21 - Inpatient Hospital<br>22 - On Campus - Outpatient Hospital | A maximum of 8 units of service per day may be billed per patient.            |
| 99402 GT*               | Preventive medicine counseling: 30 minutes<br><i>(Delivered via telehealth)</i> | \$32.76       | VP            |  | No more than 100 units of services may be billed on a 12-month rolling basis. |

\*This CPT code is not linked to a specific ICD.

Note: 99402 will billed on the CMS 1500.



# Potential Care Pathway

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- Bob was exposed to an act of community violence
  - Admitted to level two trauma center
    - Hospital is enrolled as a violence prevention provider
  - During hospitalization, VP connects a violence prevention professional to speak with Bob
  - Bob accepts care and agrees to meet with the violence prevention professional over the next several weeks/months
- Violence prevention professional bills the service to the patient's HealthChoice MCO or FFS Medicaid
  - Violence prevention professional meets with Bob 5 more times in the next six months, then refers Bob to a licensed social worker

# Next Steps

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- CVP code *99402* will be in the fee schedule, effective July 1, 2023
- If you have any questions after today's presentation, please reach out at [hannah.markus@maryland.gov](mailto:hannah.markus@maryland.gov)

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# Questions?