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Subject: Medicaid Coverage of Mental Health Peer Recovery Support Services in Federally Qualified Health Centers

Add'l info: The Maryland Department of Health is amending the State Plan to reimburse Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) for peer recovery support services provided to participants receiving mental health services at their center.

Peer recovery support services are a set of non-clinical activities provided by individuals in recovery from behavioral health concerns, including substance use disorders or mental health concerns, who use their personal, lived experiences and training to support other individuals with mental health disorders. These services will be rendered by certified peer recovery support specialists in FQHCs.

The proposed effective date is April 1, 2025. FQHCs will be reimbursed for these services as a supplemental payment outside of their per-visit inclusive rate when not rendered in conjunction with individual therapy or an evaluation and management service. Individual mental health peer support services will be reimbursed at a rate of 18.77 per 15-minute unit, and group mental health peer support services will be reimbursed at a rate of \$5.22 per 15-minute unit.

The Department anticipates a fiscal impact of \$2,449,714 total funds per year, with 50% fund split, \$1,224,857 coming from federal funds and \$1,224,857 coming from state funds.

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