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TO: Individual Licensed Mental Health Practitioners
 Outpatient Mental Health Clinics (OMHCs)
 Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (BHASO)

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RE: Requirements for Providers Referring to Psychiatric Rehabilitation Programs

NOTE: **Please ensure that the appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the content of this transmittal.**

Effective September 1, 2025, the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) will require all licensed mental health practitioners who are referring participants to psychiatric rehabilitation programs (PRPs) to maintain active enrollment with Maryland Medicaid in compliance with federal and state regulations. 42 CFR § 455.440 requires that all claims for payment for items and services that were ordered or referred contain the NPI of the ordering or referring practitioner. This transmittal is a companion to PT 12-26 Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program Referring Provider Requirements.

Referring Provider Requirements

Beginning on January 1, 2026, PRPs will be required to submit referring providers' National Provider Identifier (NPI) on all monthly claims submissions. Maryland Medicaid will deny all PRP claims if the referring provider is not actively enrolled.

COMAR 10.09.59.05B-C requires that individuals are referred for PRP services by a licensed mental health professional who:

- (1) Are enrolled with Maryland Medicaid as an individual practitioner with active status on the date of service;
- (2) Facilitates an informed choice of psychiatric rehabilitation program providers; and

- (3) Currently provides inpatient, Residential Treatment Center, or outpatient mental health services to the individual.

Practitioners are responsible for obtaining and maintaining active enrollment in Maryland Medicaid to refer to PRPs. Specifically, OMHCs must enroll **all** their individual providers. Licensed graduate-level providers may enroll as Ordering, Referring, and Prescribing (ORP) providers, as noted below.

Ordering, Referring, Prescriber (ORP) Provider Enrollment

Referring practitioners who do **not** wish to submit claims to Maryland Medicaid may enroll as an ORP-only provider, Provider Type 92, via [ePrep](#).

ORP-only providers are **not** eligible for reimbursement. Providers who wish to submit claims for covered services to Maryland Medicaid must enroll as the provider type applicable to their license. More information on ORP requirements is available [here](#).

For questions related to this transmittal, please contact mdh.mabehavioralhealth@maryland.gov.