

MMAC REGULATIONS REPORT
May 2017

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Community-based SUD	The purpose of this proposal is to add references to COMAR 10.63, a set of regulations from the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) that outlines requirements for Behavioral Health Providers. These references will require Medicaid providers to be in compliance with BHA regulations.	5/12/17				
Residential Substance Use Disorder, Adults (IMD)	The purpose of this new chapter is to implement a residential substance use disorder benefit for adults.	5/8/17				
Telehealth	The purpose of this proposal is to clarify and update the chapter based on administrative simplifications and clarifications. An additional purpose of this proposal is to expand permitted distant site providers in an effort to increase access to substance use disorder services via telehealth.	5/8/17				
Oxygen	The purpose of this proposal is to clarify when certain services are covered for individuals younger than 21 years old. An additional purpose of this proposal is to remove a limitation on covered services.	5/10/17	6/23/17 Ant.	6/23/17—7/24/17 Ant.		
Non-capitated covered services	The purpose of this proposal is to clarify that Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Services is a benefit which an MCO may not be required to provide any of the following benefits or services that are reimbursed directly by the Department.	5/8/17				
Physician Services	The purpose of this proposal is to update the Professional Services Provider Manual and Fee Schedule that is incorporated by reference and to update language regarding the nurse practitioners.	4/27/17	6/9/17 Ant.	6/9/17—7/10/17 Ant.		
Presumptive Eligibility for Correctional Facilities	The purpose of this proposal is to allow state and local correctional centers to conduct Maryland Medicaid presumptive eligibility determinations for justice-involved individuals leaving a correctional center.	4/19/17	5/26/17 Ant.	5/26/17—6/26/17 Ant.		
Advanced Practice Nursing	The purpose of this proposal is to adopt new streamlined advanced practice nurses under one chapter.	4/14/17	5/26/17 Ant.	5/26/17—6/26/17 Ant.		
Medical Assistance Eligibility	The purpose of this proposal is to include guardianship fees as an allowable income deduction in the calculation of an institutionalized participant's available income.	4/27/17	6/9/17 Ant.	6/9/17—7/10/17 Ant.		
MMMCP: Eligibility and Enrollment	The purpose of this proposal is to correct the length of stay in a long term care facility that makes a participant ineligible to enroll in an MCO.	2/10/17	3/17/17	3/17/17—4/17/17	5/12/17	5/22/17 Ant.
EPSDT – Lead Assessments	The purpose of this proposal is to update outdated language related to lead poisoning treatment. It lowers the threshold for environment lead	2/10/17	3/31/17	3/31/17—5/1/17		

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	investigations from a confirmed elevated blood lead level of 10 micrograms or greater per deciliter to 5 micrograms or greater per deciliter.					
Labs	The purpose of this proposed action is to increase the timeframe for standing laboratory orders for dialysis patients.	3/13/17	4/28/17	4/28/17—5/30/17		
Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)	The purpose of this proposal is to allow more than one PACE provider to operate in the State of Maryland.	3/30/17	5/12/17	5/12/17—6/12/17		
Targeted Case Management for People with Developmental Disabilities	The purpose of this proposal is to update reimbursement rates based on the cost of living allowance approved by the General Assembly.	3/30/17	5/12/17	5/12/17—6/12/17		
Dental Services	The purpose of this proposal is to change the regulations to allow former foster care participants under the age of 26 to access medically necessary dental benefits effective January 1, 2017. An additional purpose of this proposal is to update the dental fee schedule.	3/30/17	5/12/17	5/12/17—6/12/17		