



# MARYLAND Department of Health

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## **Behavioral Health Administration**

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Licensed social worker in solo or group practices are able to take advantage of an exciting opportunity to expand their area of expertise to include gambling treatment services, and increase their client base to include individuals with gambling problems and their significant others.

The Maryland Department of Health, Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) will reimburse (through Beacon Health Options Maryland) licensed practitioners for the provision of counseling and treatment services to individuals with problem gambling and their significant others.

Licensed practitioners in group or solo practices can become eligible to provide and bill for gambling services regardless of whether or the practitioner accepts Medicaid or other insurances, and regardless of the client's insurance status. There is NO requirement for providers to enroll as a Medicaid provider to provide services and bill through this system. However, those who are not Medicaid providers will have to fill out a short application and be set up in the Beacon Health Options system in order to bill for services. Practitioners who are Medicaid participating providers are already eligible to bill for services.

Reimbursement for problem gambling services is available to support assessment, individual therapy and group therapy for persons with problem gambling and/or significant others.

### **Provider Registration**

- Private practitioners must be in good standing with the appropriate professional board.
- Private practitioners who are already registered Medicaid providers with Beacon Health Options are automatically eligible to be reimbursed for problem gambling services.
- Private practitioners who are NOT already registered as a Medicaid provider with Beacon Health Options Maryland must submit a brief application to the Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling (CEPG) for approval to register. The link for the brief application is: <https://is.gd/PGReimbursementApplication>
- Once CEPG has approved your application, you will receive a notification of approval. Included will be a link to Beacon Health Options Maryland with a brief registration form. Completion of this form will allow you to bill through the Beacon system for gambling related services.
- Registration through this mechanism does not qualify you as a Medicaid provider, nor is it mandatory to be a Medicaid provider to receive reimbursement for gambling related services.

## **Reimbursement**

- Gambling related services will be reimbursed at the same rates currently used under Medicaid. Payment through Beacon for gambling services must be accepted as full reimbursement for those services.
- Reimbursement for gambling related services is only available when the service provided is not already covered by Medicaid. Claims for services that qualify for reimbursement through Medicaid should continue to be submitted to Beacon Health Options.
- Reimbursement for gambling related services will be subject to Beacon auditing. Combination of service rules will apply.  
([http://maryland.beaconhealthoptions.com/provider/clin\\_ut/Combination-of-SUD-Services.pdf](http://maryland.beaconhealthoptions.com/provider/clin_ut/Combination-of-SUD-Services.pdf))

## **Join the Center of Excellence on Gambling Helpline referral list**

- Once registered in the system and eligible for reimbursement through Beacon, join the Center's referral list. Go to <http://is.gd/DGProviderReferral> and provide the information requested and you will be added to the list of providers that is used to provide referrals for callers to the statewide Gambling Helpline.

Free trainings and CEUs are available for those who would like to provide services to individuals with gambling disorders and their significant others. The Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling is available to provide Problem Gambling Disorder training and clinical consultation at no cost to programs/practitioners. Contact the Center at [www.mdproblemgambling.com](http://www.mdproblemgambling.com) or phone (1) 667-214-2120 for further information.

Trainings will be offered by Beacon Health Options that will provide information on completing billing requirements in the Beacon System. Please go to the Beacon Health Options Maryland website or click on <http://maryland.beaconhealthoptions.com/news/Upcoming-Training-Opportunities.pdf> for dates and times of upcoming trainings.