



## **PROVIDER ALERT**

### **UPDATE ON COMAR 10.63, COMMUNITY-BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

#### ***ACCREDITATION REFERENCE GRIDS:* COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF REHABILITATION FACILITIES (CARF) THE JOINT COMMISSION (TJC) ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR HEALTH CARE (ACHC)**

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It is anticipated that the six chapters of regulations under 10.63, Community-Based Behavioral Health Programs and Services will allow for programs to submit application for licensure on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Under these regulations, many Behavioral Health Programs will be required to achieve accreditation by April 1, 2018. In preparation for the new regulations and in collaboration with the approved accrediting organizations, BHA and the Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ) have begun drafting reference grids for providers to use when contacting various accreditation agencies. The reference grids will provide a crosswalk from the regulations program and service descriptions to the corresponding accrediting bodies' set of standards. This will ensure that when program licenses are issued, the program has been accredited under the correct set of standards. As these reference grids are completed, they will be widely distributed to providers. Attached you will find the reference grid for the



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Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), The Joint Commission (TJC), and the Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC).

Please send any questions regarding the reference grids to [bha.regulations@maryland.gov](mailto:bha.regulations@maryland.gov).