



PROVIDER ALERT

UPDATE ON COMAR 10.63.01-10.63.06, COMMUNITY-BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

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The six chapters of regulations under COMAR 10.63, Community-Based Behavioral Health Programs and Services, were posted in the Maryland Register on May 13, 2016 for final action, with an effective date of July 1, 2016. Under the new regulations, most existing behavioral health programs will be required to obtain accreditation and submit an application for licensure by January 1, 2018 in order to meet the licensure deadline of April 1, 2018. New and existing providers may begin submitting applications for licensure any time after October 1, 2016.

BHA has created an Accreditation website, <http://bha.dhmf.maryland.gov/Pages/Accreditation-Information.aspx>, on which the following information can be found:

- A copy of the Final Regulations
- Crosswalks of the programs and descriptions listed in the regulations 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.
- Timeline of effective dates

Please send any questions regarding the regulations, including accreditation, to: bha.regulations@maryland.gov.