

## PROVIDER ALERT

### Public Health Services/Behavioral Health Administration

### Maryland Assessment of Tobacco Use, Screening, and Treatment Policies and Practices among Behavioral Health Clients

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#### Target Audience: All Behavioral Health Providers

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Public Health Services, Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control, and the MDH Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) are committed to improving the health and wellbeing of those suffering from behavioral health conditions.

MDH has developed the following survey to better understand the current policies and practices regarding tobacco use that exist in behavioral health facilities across Maryland. MDH will use the responses to this survey to design services, tools, and training for Maryland's behavioral health providers. We are asking that the survey be completed by **Wednesday, December 15**.

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- Please click [HERE](#) to read the letter from Dr. Jinlene Chan, MDH Deputy Secretary, Public Health Services, and Dr. Aliya Jones, MDH Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health, regarding this survey.
- The direct link to this survey is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G7QBT9S>
- Please complete and submit the survey by Wednesday, December 15

Treating tobacco use dependence in a “recovery-friendly” environment helps clients at behavioral health facilities with long-term recovery and improved health. Reduced exposure to tobacco products in behavioral health facilities and access to tobacco use dependence treatment services can contribute towards that goal.

The results of this survey will help.

Thank you,

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