



# Peer Recovery Support Services

## MA Reimbursement Overview

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# Agenda

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## **Behavioral Health Administration**

- History of Peer Services
- Peer Workforce Breakdown

## **Maryland Medicaid**

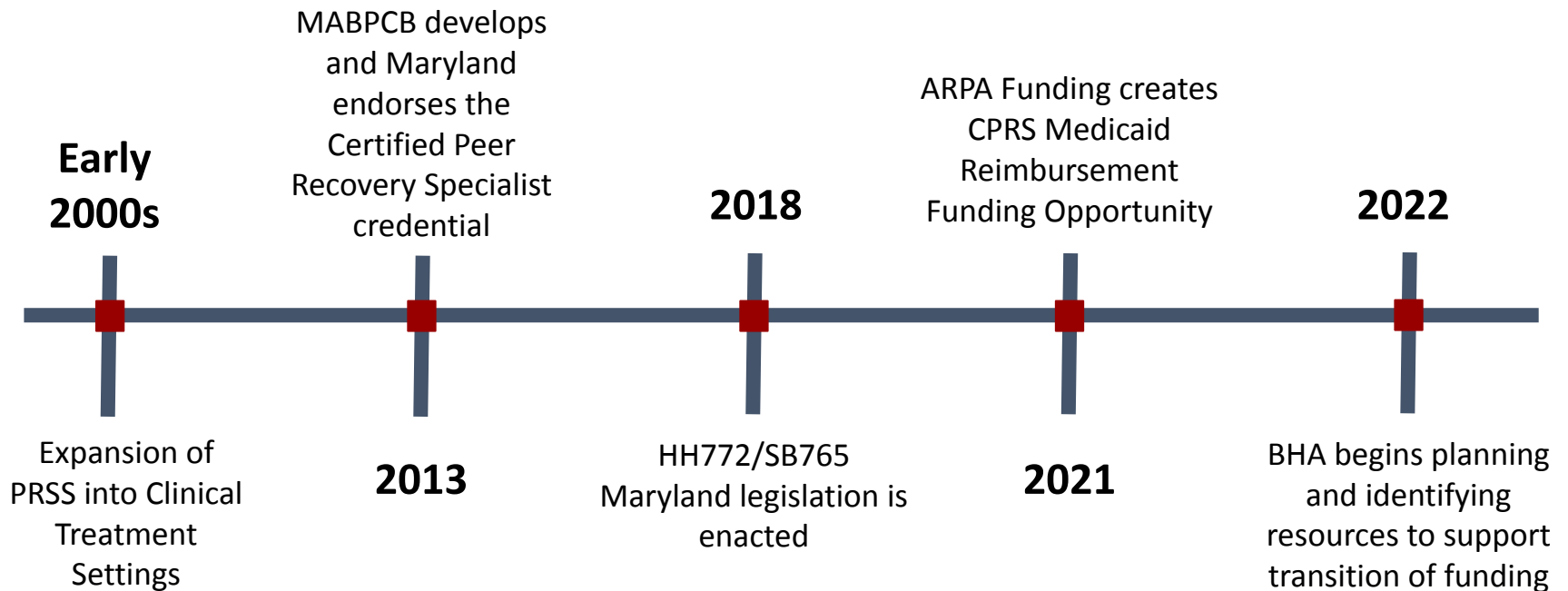
- Overview of ARPA/FMAP Funding Opportunity
- Reimbursable Services
- Reimbursable Settings
- Service Reimbursement Rates
- Credentialing Requirements for Providers
- Individual Eligibility Criteria

## **Next steps**

- System Implications and Responses
- Timeline and Future Meetings

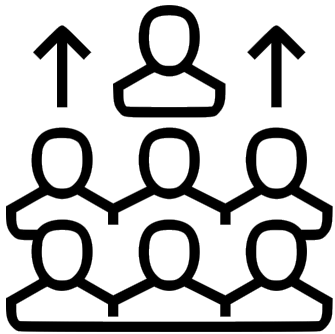
*Progress Over Time*

# A Brief History of Peer Recovery Support Services (PRSS) in Maryland



# A Look at the Numbers

**As of August 2022\*:**

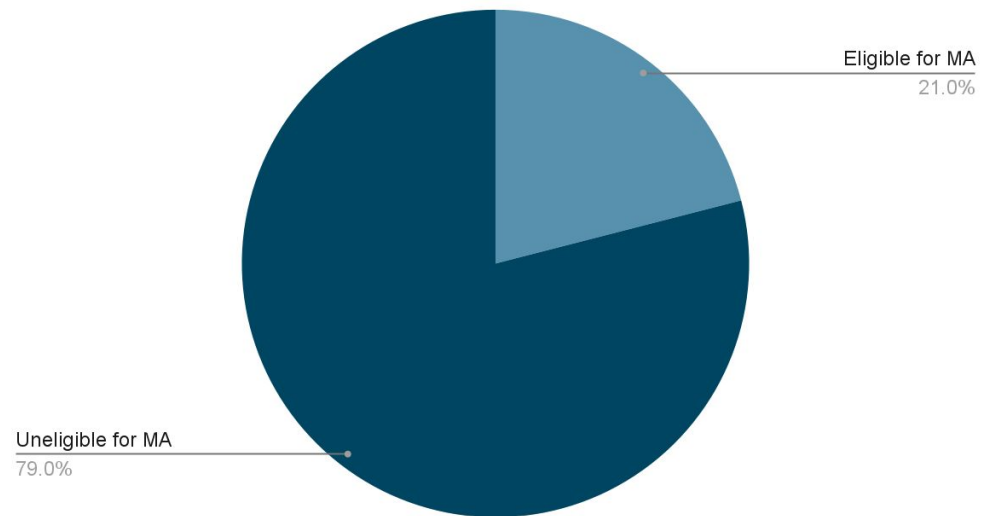


**470 Total Peer  
Positions  
Funded**



**100 Peer  
Positions in  
Eligible  
Settings**

Peer Workforce

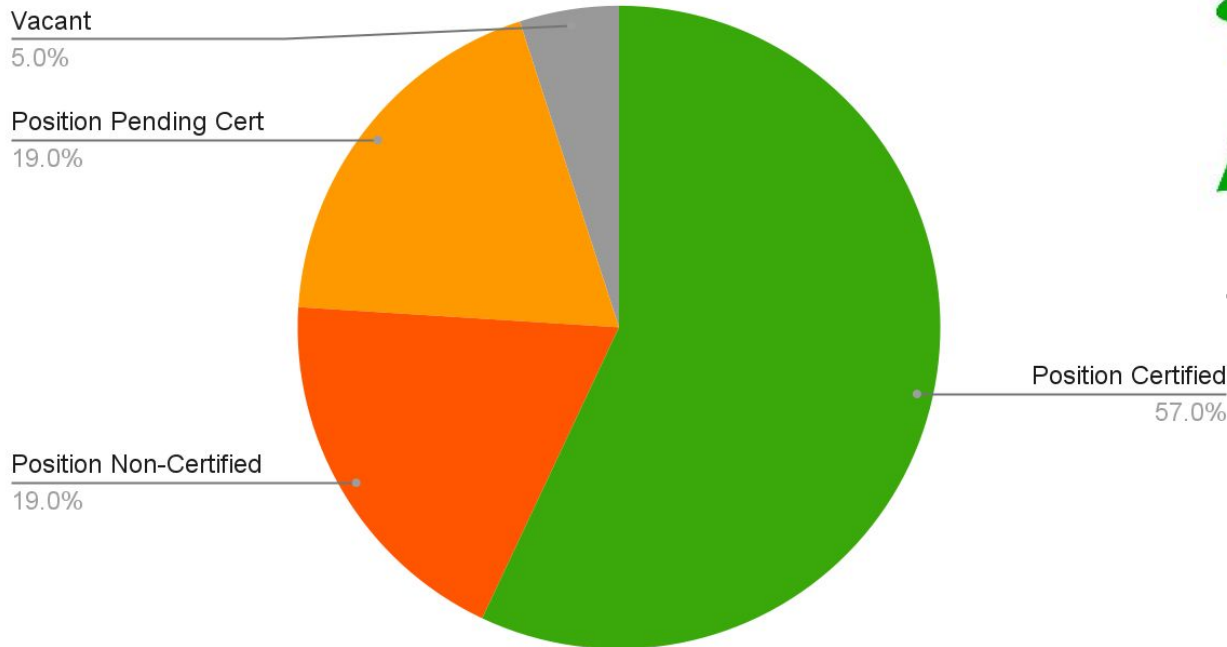


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# A Look at the Numbers

**As of August 2022\*:**

## Peer Workforce



**57 Certified Positions**



**19 Non-Cert Positions**



**19 Positions Pending Cert**

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# Medicaid Funding Background

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- Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA)
  - Allowed a temporary increase of 10% federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) increase for home- and community-based services (HCBS)
  - Includes behavioral health HCBS programs/services
- The Department utilized 75% of the additional behavioral ARPA funds for rate increases - effective 11/1/21
- The Department is proposing to use approximately \$24 million in ARPA funds to establish peer recovery support services in SUD settings
  - Key Factors: Stakeholder response & alignment w/ BH priorities
- CMS approved Q4 spending plan
- More information about the quarterly spending plans here:  
<https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Pages/Public-Notices.aspx>

# Provider Requirements

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- Must maintain an active BHA license and enroll with Medicaid as one of the following providers:
  - Community-based Substance Use Disorder Programs licensed under COMAR 10.63.03 as OP Level 1, IOP Level 2.1, and/or PHP Level 2.5 (**Medicaid Provider Type 50**)
  - Opioid Treatment Programs (**Medicaid Provider Type 32**)
  - Federally Qualified Health Center (**Medicaid Provider Type 34**)
- Provide and maintain verification of certified peer recovery specialist on staff
  - Verified through enrollment, revalidation, or supplemental application review via ePREP
- Supervisory requirement for service oversight:
  - A Registered Peer Supervisor approved by the peer certification entity designated by BHA; or
  - A licensed mental health professional or a licensed or certified alcohol and drug counselor who is approved to supervise by the relevant board and who must be an approved Registered Peer Supervisor on or after September 1, 2023

# Medicaid Covered Benefit

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- Available as an individual and group service
  - Up to 24 units (6 hours) of individual service per day per participant
  - 1 group per day per participant, up to 90 minutes
- Reimbursed at **15 minute unit** increments
- Services must be included as part of an individualized treatment plan that includes specific individualized goals.



# Proposed Rates

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- MDH compared rates both nationally and regionally as part of the rate setting process. Reimbursed at 15 minute unit increments.
- National Comparison (13 states were reviewed)
  - Average individual rate: \$14.50 (*range: \$8.55 – \$20.44*)
  - Average group rate: \$3.63 (*range: \$1.79 – \$5.40*)
- Neighboring states (DC, DE, NJ, PA, VA, WV)
  - Average individual rate: \$15.25 (*range: \$10 – \$20.44*)
  - Average group rate: \$4.55 (*range: \$3.69 – \$5.40*)
- **Based on this analysis, MDH proposes the following rates:**
  - **Individual Rate = \$16.38 per unit**
    - **Rate mirrors Delaware’s reimbursement for peer services, effective January 1, 2023**
  - **Group Rate = \$4.55 per unit**
    - **Group rate determined by the averaging neighboring states**

# **Proactive Planning to Develop Resources and Supports**

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- Current grant funding for these programs will remain in place through FY23.
  - Allows programs time to get uncertified peers credentialed as CPRS.
- Identifying potential grant savings that can be repurposed to offer transitional funding and resource support to programs and under-credentialed Peer Recovery Specialists.
  - Pays for training, examination, and services facilitated by under-credentialed staff during transition.
- Creation of support tools that help providers with billing and regulatory implications.
  - RPS Webinar - [bhatrainings.health.maryland.gov/](https://bhatrainings.health.maryland.gov/)
- FAQ Email: [Peer.Reimbursement@maryland.gov](mailto:Peer.Reimbursement@maryland.gov)
- FAQ Posting: [bit.ly/bha-ca](https://bit.ly/bha-ca)

# PCEF – Peer Certification Expansion Fund



The poster features the Maryland Department of Health logo at the top left and the Maryland state logo at the top right. The title "Maryland Peer Certification Expansion Fund" is prominently displayed in a large, bold font. Below the title, it says "Funding Opportunity for Peers". A central text box contains the following information:

BHA's Office of Consumer Affairs is excited to announce its partnership with the Maryland Addiction and Behavioral-health Professionals Certification Board (MABPCB) to fund the following:

- Application **and** Examination costs for those seeking their Certified Peer Recovery Specialist (CPRS) Certification in Maryland
- **NOTE:** These funds will cover initial certifications **and** recertification

For any questions, to learn more, and **APPLY** please visit: [www.mabpcb.com](http://www.mabpcb.com)

*\*All applications for funding must be submitted to: [mabpcb.funding@gmail.com](mailto:mabpcb.funding@gmail.com)*

This funding opportunity is available to all Maryland residents who meet the application requirements.



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*Just a reminder...*

# FREE RPS Training For SUD OP, OTP, and FQHCs

## REGISTERED PEER SUPERVISOR TRAINING

 No Cost to Supervisors

 Limited to SUD OP and OTP\* Providers **ONLY**

 Time Limited Through Sept 2023

 Approved by MABPCB



FOR MORE INFO  
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# Next Steps and Timeline

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- Department to submit State Plan Amendments (SPAs) to CMS – December 2022/January 2023
- Additional Provider Meetings tentatively scheduled for April 2023
- Proposed benefit to go live **6/2023**

*Get in touch with us...*

# Questions

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