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MEDICAID BULLETIN

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Mobile Crisis Response (H2011) Policy Change

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify providers that Item 291.KKKKK of the 2026 Appropriation Act will take effect on January 1, 2027.

Item 291.KKKKK states *"The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall limit mobile crisis services payments to four hours per incident. In addition, DMAS shall only reimburse DBHDS licensed and approved mobile crisis providers contracted with community services boards. The department shall promulgate emergency regulations to implement these changes within 280 days or less from the enactment of this act. The department shall implement this change upon federal approval and prior to the completion of any regulatory process undertaken in order to effect such change."*

In preparation, DMAS published: *Community Stabilization Coverage Change and Mobile Crisis Response Policy Change* dated July 7, 2026, to communicate this forthcoming change.

This change will affect all Mobile Crisis Services registrations with dates of service on or after January 1, 2027. Please see the Mental Health Services Manual, Appendix G for the exact policy language associated with this change.

Registrations for dates of service prior to January 1, 2027 will remain eligible for up to eight hours (32 units) of service within a 72-hour period.

Questions?

DMAS Behavioral Health related questions can be directed to the DMAS Behavioral Health Division at enhancedbh@dmas.virginia.gov

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To avoid disruption to claims payment through FFS and the MCOs providers must periodically check the DMAS provider portal, also known as the Provider Services Solution (PRSS), to ensure that the provider's enrollment, contact information, and license information is up to date, for all of the provider's respective service locations. Under federal rules, MCOs and DMAS are prohibited from paying claims to network providers who are not enrolled in PRSS. Additional information is provided on the MCO Provider Network Resources webpage and includes links to resources, tutorials and contact information to reach Gainwell with any provider enrollment or revalidation related questions. Dental providers should continue to enroll directly through the DMAS Dental Benefits Administrator, DentaQuest.

PROVIDER CONTACT INFORMATION & RESOURCES

Virginia Medicaid Web Portal Automated Response System (ARS) Member eligibility, claims status, payment status, service limits, service authorization status, and remittance advice.	https://vamedicaid.dmas.virginia.gov/
Medicall (Audio Response System) Member eligibility, claims status, payment status, service limits, service authorization status, and remittance advice.	1-800-884-9730 or 1-800-772-9996
Provider Appeals Effective November 5, 2026, providers must use the online appeal portal to file appeals and track the status of appeals. Visit the website listed for appeal resources and to register for the portal	https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/appeals/

Managed Care Programs
Cardinal Care Managed Care and Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). In order to be reimbursed for services provided to a managed care enrolled individual, providers must follow their respective contract with the managed care plan/PACE provider. The managed care plan may utilize different guidelines than those described for Medicaid fee-for-service individuals.

Cardinal Care Managed Care	https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/for-providers/cardinal-care-providers/
PACE	https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/for-members/benefits-and-services/long-term-care/
Provider Enrollment	In-State: 804-270-5105 Out of State Toll Free: 888-829-5373 Email: VAMedicaidProviderEnrollment@gainwelltechnologies.com
Provider HELPLINE Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For provider use only, have Medicaid Provider ID Number available.	1-804-786-6273 1-800-552-8627
Aetna Better Health of Virginia	https://www.aetnabetterhealth.com/virginia/providers/index.html 1-800-279-1878
Anthem HealthKeepers Plus	http://www.anthem.com/ 1-800-901-0020
Humana Healthy Horizons Provider Services Call Center	1-844-881-4482 (TTY: 711) https://provider.humana.com/medicaid/virginia-medicaid

Sentara Community Plan	1-800-881-2166 https://www.sentarahealthplans.com/providers
United Healthcare	www.uhcprovider.com/ 1-844-284-0146
Acentra Health Behavioral Health and Medical Service Authorizations	https://vamedicaid.dmas.virginia.gov/sa 1-804-622-8900
Dental Provider DentaQuest	1-888-912-3456
Fee-for-Service (POS) Prime Therapeutics	https://www.virginiamedicaidpharmacyservices.com/ 1-800-932-6648