



## **PROVIDER ALERT**

### **APPROVAL OF ACCREDITING BODY: *ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR HEALTH CARE (ACHC)***

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The Behavioral Health Administration's (BHA) proposed changes to the regulations governing behavioral health services will require many providers who are currently regulated to become accredited as a prerequisite to licensure. Health General Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, 19-2302 authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to approve accrediting bodies who seek to ensure that Maryland community behavioral health care programs adhere to professional and legal standards.

The Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC) has been approved as an accrediting body for certain programs and services within the State of Maryland's behavioral health programs. A reference grid providing a crosswalk from the regulations program and service descriptions to the corresponding ACHC set of standards will be published in the coming weeks to BHA's Accreditation Webpage at:

<http://bha.dhmfh.maryland.gov/Pages/Accreditation-Information.aspx> .