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Provider Alert
Outcomes Measurement System (OMS) Update
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The Behavioral Health Administration (BHA), Maryland Medicaid, and Beacon Health Options are pleased to announce that the OMS Datamart has been reconfigured to reflect the OMS data currently being collected. Below is a summary of major changes that occurred to the OMS in 2015 and to the reconfigured OMS Datamart that is now available:

General:

- The most significant change is that individuals receiving Substance-Related Disorder (SRD) Level 1 Outpatient Treatment Services began participating in the OMS in January 2015.
- The Recovery/Resilience and Functioning domain was expanded from a single question to multiple questions, using a short version of the Maryland Assessment of Recovery Scale (MARS).
- Recognizing that alternative tobacco products are rising in popularity, the General Health domain was expanded to include a question on the use of such products by adults and youth ages 11 years and older.
- The child and adolescent Substance Use domain was revised to reflect the newest version of the CRAFFT Screening Test, so that it now includes specific questions about the use of alcohol, marijuana, and other substances.
- All OMS resource materials have been updated to reflect the 2015 changes.

OMS Datamart (http://maryland.valueoptions.com/services/OMS_Welcome.html):

- An updated version of the OMS Datamart is now available. The most significant change to the Datamart is the expansion of service types included; users can now analyze data by four groups:
  - **All** – those receiving either mental health (MH) or substance-related disorder (SRD) services
  - **Mental Health (MH)** – those receiving MH services, whether or not they received a SRD service
  - **Substance-Related Disorder (SRD)** – those receiving SRD services, whether or not they received an MH service
  - **Both** – those receiving both MH and SRD services

- For the MH group, data continues to be available for the past several years. For the SRD group, OMS data collection began in January 2015; hence only six months of FY 2015 data are available. Given that the **All** and **Both** groups include the SRD population, data for these groups is also currently limited to six months of FY 2015. Furthermore, "Change-Over-Time" data, which requires more than one time point, are not yet available for **All**, **SRD**, and **Both**.

- Data can now be filtered by four length of time in treatment options: All time in treatment, intake, 1-3 years in treatment, and more than 3 years in treatment.

- The child and adolescent age filters have been changed to: All, 6-10, 11-13, and 14-17 years to correspond with school groupings (elementary, middle, high school).

- Some general formatting changes have been made, such as the reordering of domain tabs and revised question numbers. Additionally, a few of the less useful items have been removed.

- While all of the above changes have been applied to FY 2015 (and will be applied going forward), please note that the Datamart displays for prior years remain in the old format.