



PROVIDER ALERT

REPORTING FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE

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The reporting of suspected fraud and abuse is intended to avoid the misappropriation of Federal, State, and Local funds. In the context of this, fraud is an intentional misrepresentation of facts to obtain a benefit or financial gain, that one would not have otherwise been able to obtain. Abuse committed by a behavioral health provider means activities that are inconsistent with standard fiscal, business, or medical/clinical practices, and that result in unnecessary costs to the State or federal government. Beacon Health Options supports the government in its goal to decrease financial loss from false claims.

In addition to fraud, waste and abuse leading to misuse of limited State and Federal funds, the misuse, can jeopardize the care and treatment of persons receiving or in need of behavioral health services. A finding of fraud or abuse, and can result in monetary fines, criminal prosecution, termination of providers, and prohibition from participation in Medicare/Medicaid Programs. Behavioral health providers must be cognizant of suspected fraud, waste and abuse within the public behavioral health system. When detected, behavioral health providers are obligated to report such occurrences to Beacon or the appropriate state entity.



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The following are resources to report suspected fraud, waste, and abuse:

safe to say - Beacon's Compliance & Ethics Hotline

(Phone) 1-800-293-3027

(Email) beaconsafetosay.ethix360.com/

(Mail) In Touch

Attn: Beacon Health Options

3100 West Lake Street, Suite 325

Minneapolis, MN 55416

Maryland Attorney General, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit

(Phone) 410-576-6521

(Email) MedicaidFraud@oag.state.md.us

DHMH – Office of the Inspector General

(Phone) 1-866-770-7175

(email) DHMH.OIG@Maryland.gov

On-line complaint form:

https://health.maryland.gov/oig/Pages/Report_Fraud.aspx