



PROVIDER ALERT

Providers' Responsibility to Screen for Excluded Individuals

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This is a reminder that all providers who participate in Maryland's Public Behavioral Health System and receive Medicaid payments are responsible for checking the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Inspector General's (DHHS-OIG) website to assure that they are not wrongfully contracting or employing an excluded individual. The DHHS-OIG website is <https://www.oig.hhs.gov/exclusions/index.asp>.

It is every individual's and agency's responsibility to assure that all staff working in programs, either through direct service or administrative support, are eligible to participate in programs receiving federal reimbursement.

Failure to screen employees and contractors, documenting same, can result in disciplinary action.