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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

601 E. 12th St., Room 355

Kansas City, Missouri 64106



Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

July 28, 2026

Perrie Briskin
Medicaid Director
Maryland Department of Health
201 W. Preston Street, 5th Floor
Baltimore, MD 21201

Re: Maryland State Plan Amendment (SPA) - 26-0003

Dear Medicaid Director Briskin:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 26-0003. This amendment updates the existing community violence prevention benefit to allow for 15-minute units of service, reimbursed at a fee-for-service rate of \$16.38 per unit. The Department should also update provider specifications to include affiliation with at least one hospital.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations 42 CFR § 440.130(c). This letter informs you that Maryland's Medicaid SPA TN 26-0003 was approved on July 28, 2026, with an effective date of October 1, 2026.

Enclosed are copies of Form CMS-179 and approved SPA pages to be incorporated into the Maryland State Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Talbatha Myatt at (215) 861-4259 or via email at Talbatha.Myatt@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of Nicole McKnight.

Nicole McKnight
Acting Director, Division of Program Operations

Enclosures

cc: Perrie Briskin
Tyler Colomb

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

2 6 — 0 0 0 3

2. STATE

MD3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL
SECURITY ACT

XIX



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TO: CENTER DIRECTOR

CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

October 1, 2026

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION 42 CFR 447.2561905(a)(13), 42 CFR § 440.130(c)

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY 2027\$ 0b. FFY 2028\$ 0

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 3.1A Pg. 29C-43

Attachment 4.19B Pg. 4B

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION
OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

Attachment 3.1A Pg. 29C-43 + 44 (23-0004)

Attachment 4.19B Pg. 4B (23-0004)

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

This SPA updates the existing community violence prevention benefit to allow for 15 minute units of service, reimbursed at a fee-for-service rate of 16.38 per unit. The Department shall also update provider specifications to include affiliation with at least one hospital.

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT



COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED



NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL



OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:

1.  TATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

12. TYPED NAME

Perrie Briskin

13. TITLE

Deputy Secretary, Health Care Financing and Medicaid Director

14. DATE SUBMITTED

15. RETURN TO

Perrie Briskin

Deputy Secretary, Health Care Financing and Medicaid Director

Maryland Department of Health

201 W. Preston St., 5th Floor

Baltimore, MD 21201

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16. DATE RECEIVED

May 27, 2026

17. DATE APPROVED

July 28, 2026

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

October 1, 2026

19. 

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Nicole McKnight

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Acting Director, Division of Program Operations

22. REMARKS

7-22-26-state authorized pen and ink change to update Box 5 with Federal Statute/Regulation Citation.

13. Other diagnostic, screening, preventive, and rehabilitative services, i.e., other than those provided elsewhere in the plan. Preventive Services

Prevention Services

C. Community Violence Prevention Services

General Description:

Community violence prevention services are provided by a certified violence prevention professional to a Medicaid participant who has been exposed to community violence or has received treatment for an injury sustained as a result of an act of community violence. The service is designed to prevent further impacts of community violence, avoid future community violence, prolong life, and promote the participant's health. In accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 440.130(c), these services are recommended by a physician or other qualified licensed practitioner of the healing arts within the practitioner's scope of practice under state law.

Covered Services:

The Program shall cover evidence-based, trauma-informed community violence prevention services rendered by certified violence prevention professionals to participants who have been exposed to community violence or received treatment for an injury sustained as a result of an act of community violence.

Covered services include: mentorship, conflict mediation, crisis intervention, referrals to certified or licensed health care professionals or social services providers, patient education, and screening services to victims of violence.

Effective October 1st, 2026 the Program pays for up to a quantity of 200 15-minute units of community violence prevention services rendered to an eligible participant in a rolling 12-month period. The Program may pay for more than 200 units of community violence prevention services as medically necessary based on the recommendation of a physician or other qualified licensed practitioner of the healing arts, within the practitioner's scope of practice under state law.

Qualified Provider Specifications:

1. A certified violence prevention professional shall be certified by Health Alliance for Violence Interventions or another certifying body as approved by the Department; such requirements must include at least thirty-five hours of initial training that address the following: (I) the effects and basics of trauma-informed care; (II) community violence prevention strategies, include conflict mediation and retaliation prevention related to community violence; (III) case management and advocacy practices; and, (IV) patient privacy and the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996; and at least six hours of continuing education every two years; and
2. The provider that renders community violence prevention services shall:
 - a. Maintain an affiliation with at least one hospital through which the provider entity is authorized to provide community violence prevention services to Medicaid members in the hospital;
 - b. Maintain documentation that the certified violence prevention professionals rendering services on their behalf have met the requirements of this section; and
 - c. Ensure that the VP(s) are providing community violence prevention services in compliance with any applicable standard of care, rule, regulation, and state or federal law.

Reimbursement for Preventive Services: Community Violence Prevention Services**General Description:**

Community violence prevention services are delivered by a certified violence prevention professional. Medicaid participants who have been exposed to community violence or received treatment for an injury sustained as a result of an act of community violence are eligible for these services. Community violence prevention services are designed to promote improved health outcomes and prevent further violence. In accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 440.130(c), these services are recommended by a physician or other qualified licensed practitioner of the healing arts within the practitioner's scope of practice under state law and are designed to prevent further impacts of community violence, prevent future community violence, prolong life, and promote the physical and mental health of the individual.

All VP providers are reimbursed pursuant to the same CPT codes and rates found in the Maryland Provider fee schedule. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of community violence prevention. The agency's fee schedule was set as of October 1st, 2026 and is effective for services provided on and after that date. All rates are published on health.maryland.gov/providerinfo.

Limitations:

Community violence prevention services are subject to the following limitations:

1. Maryland Medicaid does not pay for:
 - a. Administrative overhead and ongoing certification or training; or
 - b. Services that are not medically necessary.