



Wes Moore, Governor · Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor · Meena Seshamani, M.D., Ph.D., Secretary

August 21, 2026

Dear Maryland Behavioral Health Provider Community,

Thank you for your continued partnership and engagement in the Behavioral Health Rate Study. We recognize the time and effort involved in supporting this important work, and we appreciate the dedication you have shown throughout the process.

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) has heard from many providers regarding the timeline for completing the cost study. In response to this feedback, MDH is extending the deadline for submission to September 30, 2026. We believe this additional time will allow providers to more thoroughly and accurately complete their submissions, ultimately strengthening the quality and reliability of the data collected.

To provide additional support during this extended period, Myers and Stauffer will host one additional office hour session:

- Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2026, from 3:00pm to 4:00pm

We are committed to providing further updates as soon as they are available and to support providers throughout the remainder of this process.

Your participation remains essential to the success of this study. A strong response rate ensures the data reflects the true cost of delivering behavioral health services across Maryland and helps inform more accurate, sustainable reimbursement rates going forward. We encourage all providers who have not yet submitted their surveys to take advantage of this extended timeline and the additional office hour support to complete their submission. Limited provider participation may require the Department to supplement the analysis with publicly available or other external data sources that may not fully reflect provider operations or costs.

As a reminder, all provider-specific information submitted during the study will remain confidential. Myers and Stauffer will maintain all individual provider data, and MDH will receive only aggregated, de-identified information.

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to serving Marylanders. Questions regarding the survey or data collection process should be directed to **MDBHACostSurvey@mslc.com**. Questions regarding the Behavioral Health Rate Methodology Modernization Workgroup may be directed to **andre.chappel@maryland.gov**.

Sincerely,

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Perrie Briskin,
Deputy Secretary for Health Care Financing and Medicaid Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Rachel Talley". The signature is highly stylized and cursive, with the first name "Rachel" being the most prominent part of the script.

Dr. Rachel Talley,
Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health