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TO: Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization
 Local Behavioral Health Authorities/Core Service Agencies
 Care Coordination Organizations
 1915(i) Service Providers

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RE: 1915(i) Youth Peer Support Services Updates, Effective July 6, 2026

NOTE: **Please ensure that the appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the content of this transmittal.**

This transmittal provides updates for Youth Peer Support Services (YPSS) to 1915(i) Intensive Behavioral Health Services for Children, Youth, and Families (1915(i)), effective July 6, 2026. This transmittal supersedes [PT 57-25 1915\(i\) Intensive Behavioral Health Services for Children, Youth, and Families And Child and Adolescent Targeted Case Management \(TCM\) Service Updates, Effective January 1, 2025](#) and reflects updates in COMAR 10.09.89.

Coverage of 1915(i) Youth Peer Support Services

Maryland Medicaid will reimburse YPSS under the 1915(i) service array to eligible providers that meet the requirements detailed below.

YPSS are a set of nonclinical activities provided by individuals recovering from behavioral health disorders who use their personal lived experience and training to support youth enrolled in 1915(i). Services must be provided directly to the 1915(i) participant to be eligible for reimbursement. Activities include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Providing support, coaching, training, and modeling;
- (2) Assisting the youth with understanding the person-centered planning process and articulating their goals;
- (3) Advocating and helping the youth develop self-advocacy skills; and

- (4) Assisting with skill development for coping with and managing their behavioral health symptoms.

Provider Requirements

Family Support Organizations (FSO) that meet the requirements in COMAR 10.09.89.09D are eligible to apply to become 1915(i) YPSS providers.

Services must be rendered by a youth peer support specialist who meets the following criteria:

- (1) Be at least 18 years of age but may not provide youth peer support to 1915(i) participants older than them;
- (2) Self-identify as a person in long-term recovery from the effects of a behavioral health disorder for a period of two years or more, and has experience with State or local services and systems as a consumer who has or had behavioral health challenges;
- (3) Have one of the following:
 - (a) Maryland certification as a Peer Recovery Specialist or certification from another Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) approved entity;
 - (b) Be in the process of obtaining certification; or
 - (c) Be under the supervision of a certified individual; and
- (4) Be supervised by an individual who is at least 21 years old and has at least three years of experience providing family or youth peer support or working with children with serious behavioral health challenges and their families.

Reimbursement Methodology

YPSS providers must obtain prior authorization for services and submit claims through the Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (BHASO).

Table 1. 1915(i) Youth Peer Support Services Billing Codes, Effective July 6, 2026					
Procedure Code	Description	Unit of Service	Place of Service	Rate	Modifiers
W9901	1915(i) Youth Peer to Peer Support	15 minutes	11, 12, 99	\$28.40	GT - for audio-visual telehealth UB - for audio-only telehealth

Provider Enrollment

FSOs interested in becoming YPSS providers must complete a Youth Peer Support Provider Application located on the [BHASO 1915\(i\) Specialty Services website](#). Completed applications

should be submitted to the BHASO at MD1915i@carelon.com. Once providers receive their approval letter from BHA, they will need to enroll with Maryland Medicaid as a Provider Type (PT) 89 for 1915(i) Intensive Behavioral Health Services for Children, Youth, and Families facility.

Existing PT 89 providers must submit a supplemental application in the provider enrollment portal. Newly enrolling providers must submit a new PT 89 application in the provider enrollment portal. Newly enrolling and existing providers must upload the following documentation:

- (1) YPSS BHA Approval Letter;
- (2) Completed YPSS Provider Application;
- (3) Maryland Certified Peer Recovery Specialist Certification;
- (4) Organization's personnel policy on preferred employment for peers; and
- (5) List of staff and their positions who meet experienced caregiver and consumer criteria.

Providers should plan accordingly for the upcoming provider enrollment portal transition from ePREP to MPRIME. Maryland Medicaid will be temporarily pausing all applications beginning August 1, 2026 until the MPRIME system goes live in October. More information about the MPRIME transition is available on the [MPRIME – New Provider Enrollment Portal website](#).

For any questions regarding this transmittal, please contact the Medicaid Behavioral Health Division at mdh.mabehavioralhealth@maryland.gov.