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Maryland Medicaid Program

To: Case Management Providers
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Subject: Medicaid Provider Partnership Required to Support COVID-19 Testing Goals

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Note: Please ensure the appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this memorandum.

To continue making progress in our fight against COVID-19, Governor Larry Hogan has established a goal of testing 10 percent of the Maryland population. “Widespread testing is critical to saving lives and safely reopening more and more of our economy, which is why state health officials are setting a goal of testing 10 percent of the population in all of our 24 jurisdictions,” said Governor Hogan.

To achieve this crucial milestone, the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) requires the support of Medicaid providers in contacting Medicaid participants and encouraging them to seek a COVID-19 test. We are encouraging providers to build testing capability in your offices. This will provide for a more sustainable long-term solution to COVID-19, and it allows the provider to be closely involved through both the diagnostic and treatment stages.

Our [website](#) has additional testing site locations.

As stated in MDH’s Amended Directive and Order Regarding Various Healthcare Matters issued on July 1, 2020, **healthcare providers shall order a COVID-19 test for any individual who believes it necessary, regardless of symptoms.**

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