

ENHANCEMENT OF MEDICAID BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES: ICT/ACT PROVIDER INFORMATION SESSION

Advancing Proactive, Evidence-Based Solutions

February 17, 2021



Meeting Information

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Agenda Today

Overview: Vision and Scope of BH Enhancement

Timeline: What has been accomplished?

ICT/ACT Specific Timeline

Steps to ACT Licensure

ACT/ICT “Routes”

Next Steps



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Enhanced Behavioral Health Services for Virginia

Vision

Implement fully-integrated behavioral health services that provide a full continuum of care to Medicaid members. This comprehensive system will focus on access to services that are:



High Quality

Quality care from quality providers in community settings such as home, schools and primary care



Evidence-Based

Proven practices that are preventive and offered in the least restrictive environment



Trauma-Informed

Better outcomes from best-practice services that acknowledge and address the impact of trauma for individuals



Cost-Effective

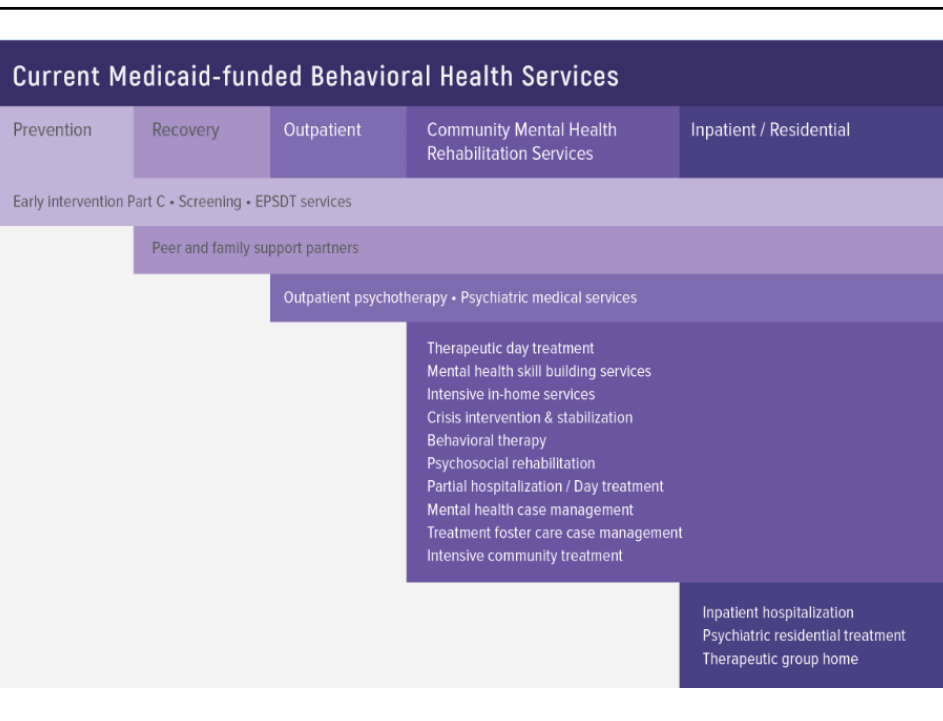
Encourages use of services and delivery mechanism that have been shown to reduce cost of care for system

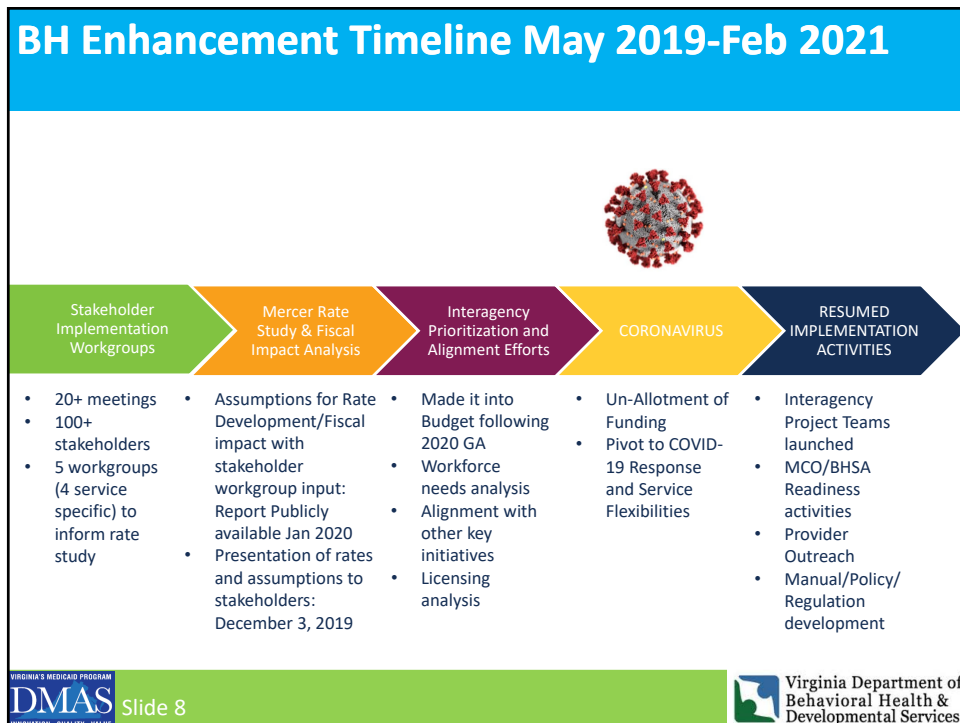
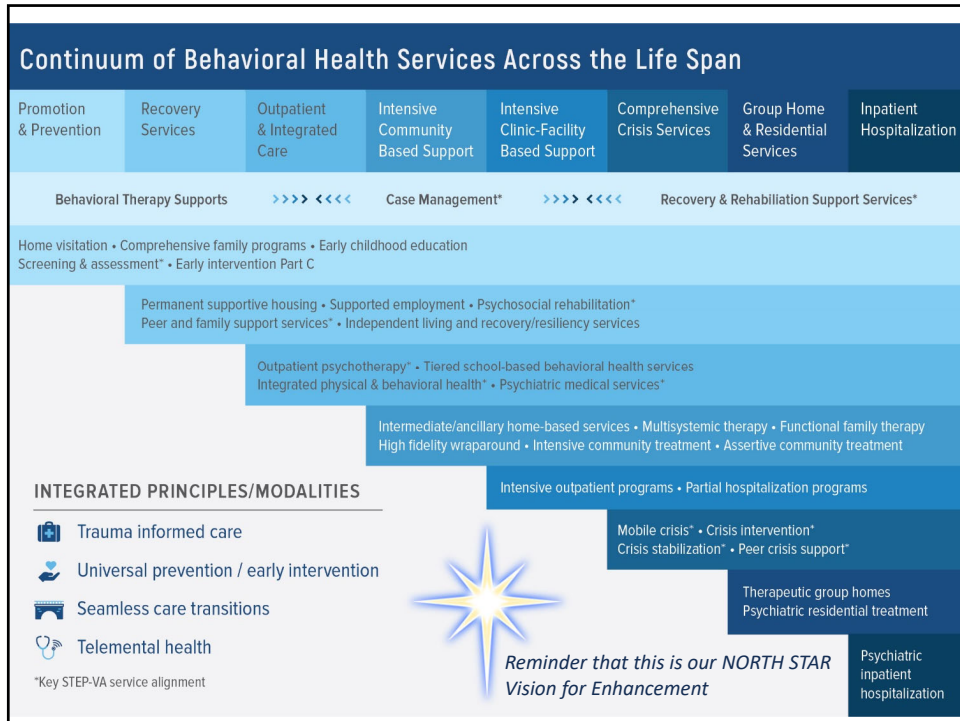


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Implementation Timeline

April 2021	May-June 2021	June 30, 2021	July 1, 2021	Present-Dec 2021	July 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DBHDS Licensing begins to accept and review service modifications for new ACT licenses ICT License remains DMAS policies for ACT are posted to Town Hall for public comment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensing continues BHSA/MCO Contracting/Credentialing EBP Center of Excellence will launch database 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> H0039 (ICT) billing code sunsets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> H0040 (ACT) rates go live Go Live for DBHDS Licenses DMAS no longer reimbursing for ICT H0039 DBHDS funds may be available to sustain an ICT team during their transition to becoming an ACT team. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICT Teams working toward ACT DBHDS licensure DBHDS technical assistance opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TMACT fidelity reviews begin

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DBHDS Licensing Crosswalk: BHE Services

Licensed Service	Implementation Date	New DBHDS licenses	DBHDS License Number
Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)	7/2021	New Licenses: ACT (Small Team) ACT (Medium Team) ACT (Large Team)	18-001 will become ACT (large) 18-002 will become ACT (medium) 18-003 will become ACT (small)

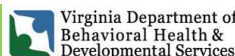
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DBHDS Licensing Info

- Amendments to align General Regulations with Enhanced Behavioral Health Services.
 - Effective: 2/20/2021
 - Delayed Implementation Date: 7/1/2021
- Delayed implementation will allow time for the Office of Licensing to hold trainings on the emergency action, create and disseminate resource materials to providers, and process service modifications and initial applications as needed.
- Substantive changes have been made to the service specific licensing regulations for ACT.
- These changes are intended to ensure that providers licensed to provide ACT services adhere to a base level of fidelity to the ACT model.



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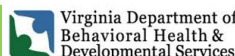


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- OL will begin to prioritize and process service modifications for small, medium, and large ACT teams in April in anticipation of a licensure go-live date of July 1.
- Providers will need to submit the completed specialized service modification form.
- A conditional license will be issued once service modification has been processed.
 - Pursuant to Code of Virginia § 37.2-415 a conditional license may be granted to a provider to operate a new service in order to permit the provider to demonstrate compliance with all licensing standards.
 - As the regulatory changes to align the Licensing Regulations with the enhanced behavioral health services include new service specific Licensing Regulations for ACT, providers will need to demonstrate compliance with these regulations prior to the issuance of an annual license.
- While OL will not be monitoring fidelity to the ACT model, the DBHDS Office of Adult Community Behavioral Health Services will track adherence to the ACT model & determine annual ACT performance outcomes from teams through their participation in the administration of the most current ACT fidelity assessment.



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DBHDS Licensing Info Continued

- Over the next several months, OL will be in touch frequently with additional information related to training opportunities for the emergency regulations as well the service modification process.
- Next communication will include: the specific forms existing providers will need to complete to become licensed for ACT; who to submit information to; and the time-frame by when information must be received by the Office of Licensing in order for materials to be reviewed and new licenses approved by July 1, 2021.



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ACT Team Route 1: PACT to ACT

My team is currently licensed as a PACT team and providing ACT consistent with fidelity to the model.

Great! DMAS and DBHDS are here to help you, please reach out to us if you need technical assistance/individual consultation.

Please notify of us in writing of your need for an individual consultation meeting no later than **02/28/2021** @ enhancedbh@dmass.virginia.gov

Make sure you apply for the new DBHDS ACT license beginning April 2021. This will start the process to be credentialed at base fidelity.

Make sure you communicate with BHSA/MCOs and start the contracting process as soon as possible.

Medicaid reimbursement for ICT [H0039] will not be available after 06/30/2021.

ACT [H0040] as a covered Medicaid service will go live on July 1, 2021.

DMAS is currently working with the BHSA/MCOs concerning service auths, contracting and claims. More information to come.



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ICT Team Route 1: Transition to ACT

Yes, my team wants to transition to ACT, we are very close to achieving this and can meet the deadline to be licensed by DBHDS and enrolled/contracted with the BHSA/MCOs by July 1.

Great! DMAS and DBHDS are here to help you, please reach out to us so we can set up an individual consultation meeting to discuss training and resource needs.

Please notify of us in writing of your need for an individual consultation meeting no later than **02/28/2021** @ enhancedbh@dmass.virginia.gov

Make sure you apply for the new DBHDS ACT license beginning April 2021.

Make sure you communicate with and start the BHSA/MCOs contracting process as soon as you are ready.

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ICT Team Route 2: Transition to ACT

Yes, my team wants to transition to ACT, but we are unsure whether we are able to meet the July 1, 2021 deadline and need assistance/support from DBHDS/DMAS to make the transition.

Great! DMAS and DBHDS are here to help you, please reach out to us so we can set up an individual consultation meeting to discuss training and resource needs.

Medicaid reimbursement for ICT [H0039] will not be available after 06/30/2021.

Please notify of us in writing of your need for an individual consultation meeting no later than **02/28/2021** @ enhancedbh@dmass.virginia.gov

Based on individual consultations, time-limited DBHDS funds may be available to assist your team during your transition to becoming a licensed ACT provider.

Make sure you apply for the new DBHDS ACT license as soon as you are ready.

Make sure you communicate with BHSA/MCO concerning any member that may need care coordination and/or a referral to an ACT provider.

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ICT Team Route 3: Care Coordination for Members

No, my team does not want to transition to ACT.

- DMAS/DBHDS want as many teams to transition to continue the great work you all have already been providing in the community to our members.
- DMAS and DBHDS are here to help you, please reach out to us so we can set up an individual meeting to discuss your concerns and answer questions.

Medicaid reimbursement for ICT [H0039] will not be available after 06/30/2021.

- Make sure you communicate with BHSA/MCO concerning any member that may need care coordination and/or a referral to an ACT Provider.
- MCO/BHSA will work with your team to provide member care coordination and referrals to an ACT provider/other appropriate services.
- BHSA/MCOs may also reach out to your team to discuss member care coordination.

Please notify of us in writing of your plan no later than **02/28/2021** @ enhancedbh@dmas.virginia.gov



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Next immediate steps

Please notify of DMAS/DBHDS in writing of your plan/needs no later than **02/28/2021** @ enhancedbh@dmas.virginia.gov

DMAS and DBHDS are here to help you, please reach out to us so we can set up an individual consultation meeting to discuss technical assistance and answer questions.

Apply for new DBHDS ACT license beginning April 2021, if applicable.

Contact BHSA/MCOs concerning coordination of member services.

More information will be released via bulletins/memos and on our website:
<https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/#/behavioralenhancement>



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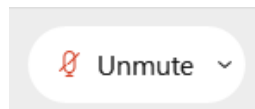


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Thank you for your partnership, support and participation.

Additional Questions?

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