



PROVIDER ALERT

VARIANCE FOR COMMUNITY-BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS REQUESTING A COMAR 10.63 LICENSE

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The purpose of this Behavioral Health Administration's memorandum is to re-affirm to existing behavioral health providers operating under COMAR 10.21 and COMAR 10.47 that the deadline for submission of the completed COMAR 10.63 license application is January 1, 2018.

This Behavioral Health Administration's memorandum outlines specific circumstances under which the Behavioral Health Administration's Variance Panel will grant a variance to extend the expiration date of existing approvals or certifications so that a provider may complete the license application process. If a variance is granted, the Behavioral Health Administration's Licensing Unit will accept COMAR 10.63 license applications submitted by January 1, 2018, that do not contain both a copy of the Accreditation Certification and the original signed Agreement to Cooperate.

For a behavioral health provider to be considered for a variance to the requirements that the provider be accredited and have an Agreement to Cooperate by January 1, 2018, a condition must apply and the necessary documentation must be submitted.

A detailed memorandum is available on Behavioral Health Administration's website that outlines the conditions.

<https://bha.health.maryland.gov/Pages/Accreditation-Information.aspx>