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PROVIDERS IMPACTED: ADULT RESIDENTIAL SUD PROGRAMS PT-54 & LABORATORIES PT-10 IMPORTANT CLARIFICATIONS

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This provider alert serves to clarify two items related to Residential Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment Programs for Adults (enrolled as Medicaid Provider Type 54).

1. Withdrawal Management at ASAM Levels 3.3 and 3.5:

In response to a provider inquiry, the Department is clarifying that there was no intent in the implementation of the Adult Residential SUD benefit to prevent providers from offering medically necessary services including withdrawal management. There are no barriers to providers performing these services within their scope and license. While there are no barriers to providing the service, it is not a separately reimbursable service from the all-inclusive rate at these levels.

2. Drug Testing is included in the bundled rate for PT 54:

Presumptive and definitive drug tests and screens are included as part of the daily bundled rate regardless of whether the test is completed in office or sent to a laboratory. As specified in 10.09.09.05F, separate billing of laboratory tests are not allowed when they are included under a bundled rate. Adult Residential SUD providers are responsible for paying laboratories for drug screens and tests for their residential patients.

Laboratories should verify the correct billing entity and cannot bill the state for services that are included under a bundled rate for PT 54 (as well as PT



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32). Claims paid by the State for services that are included in a bundled rate will be retracted.

The Department is actively reviewing claims submitted by laboratories for drug tests for patients in residential facilities. *If you believe you have received payment for labs ordered by an Adult Residential SUD program during their treatment stay, please return the funds to Medicaid and bill the program directly.* Failure to disclose and repay an overpayment in a timely manner may subject the provider to liability under the State and Federal False Claims Acts.

Questions regarding this Provider Alert may be sent to

mdh.mabehavioralhealth@maryland.gov. Laboratories seeking to refund

payments to Medicaid may also use this address to initiate that process.