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MEMORANDUM

TO: Maryland Association of Behavioral Health Authorities (MABHA)

FROM: Patricia Konyeaso
Director, Maryland Certification of Recovery Residences
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DATE: June 11, 2019

RE: New Recovery Residence Certification Entity

It has been brought to our attention that a new entity, American Certification of Recovery Residences (AMCORR) has begun issuing certification for recovery residences in Maryland. Please be advised that the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) does not recognize AMCORR as an approved credentialing entity. In accordance with Health General §19-2501, the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) has been selected as the Department's designated credentialing entity for recovery residence certification in Maryland.

A recovery residence must hold a valid Maryland Certification of Recovery Residences (MCORR) certificate of compliance issued by the Behavioral Health Administration in order to receive State or federal funds from the Department. This includes funds directly awarded to the recovery residence as well as funds awarded through the Local Behavioral Health Authority (LBHA) or the Local Addiction Authority (LAA) to the recovery residence.

Each LBHA or LAA has a fiduciary duty to ensure the proper stewardship of State and federal funds awarded to its jurisdiction. It is the responsibility of the LBHA or LAA to verify that a given recovery residence has a valid MCORR certificate of compliance prior to entering into a contract with and remitting payment to that recovery residence. As a reminder, a separate MCORR certificate of compliance is required for each recovery residence location. Please be vigilant in validating the MCORR certification status of any recovery residence currently under contract. The LBHA or LAA is obligated as a condition of its contract with BHA to recover any State or federal funds paid to a non-certified recovery residence.

Please direct any questions concerning this memorandum to MCORR at mcorr.info@maryland.gov. Thank you for your attention to this memorandum.

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