

**Maryland Insurance Administration
Network Adequacy Workgroup**

**Regulations Review Meeting #6
Agenda**

Friday, May 28, 2020
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual

Zoom Webinar video conference: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1606862802>

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- I. Opening Remarks by Commissioner Kathleen A. Birrane
- II. Discussion of Draft Proposed Revisions to COMAR 31.10.44
 - A. Travel Distance Standards – COMAR 31.10.44.05
 - Standardized methodology for measuring and reporting travel distance metrics
 - Travel distance standards for new categories of mental health and substance use disorder providers
 - New essential community provider inclusion standards for mental health and substance use disorder services
 - Standardized methodology for calculating essential community provider inclusion standard
 - B. Appointment Waiting Time Standards – COMAR 31.10.44.06
 - New quarterly monitoring of wait time performance and quarterly reporting to enrollees
 - Expanded categories of appointment types that must be measured
 - Standardized methodology for measuring and reporting appointment waiting time metrics
 - Compliance threshold to trigger regulatory action lowered from 95% to 90%
 - C. Provider-to-Enrollee Ratio Standards – COMAR 31.10.44.07
 - Standardized methodology for measuring ratios
 - D. Network Adequacy Waiver Standards – COMAR 31.10.44.08
 - Change from waiver “request” to required filing for failure to meet standards
 - Additional information required to be reported
 - Public posting of any waivers granted by Commissioner
 - E. Confidentiality Provisions – COMAR 31.10.44.09
 - F. Executive Summary Form Requirements – COMAR 31.10.44.10
 - Standardization of reporting form

- Conforming changes to incorporate proposed revisions to standards in Regulations .05-.07

III. Wrap Up and Discussion of Next Public Meeting

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