### **A RESET™ of Stakeholder Approaches to Behavior Health**

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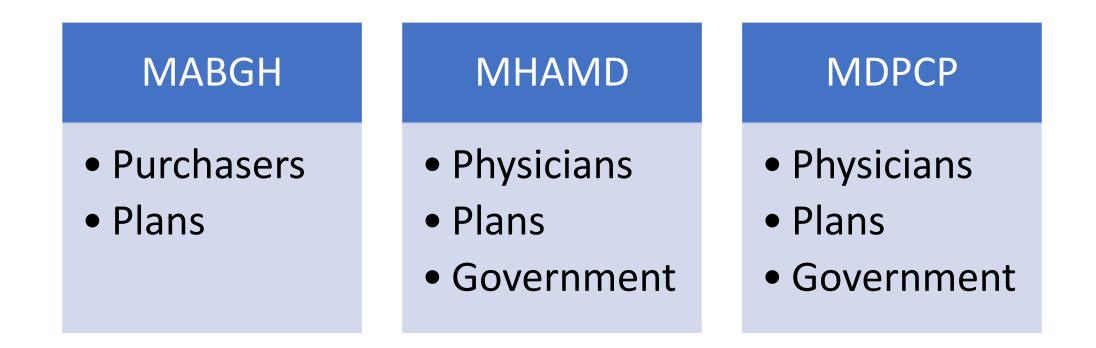


## MidAtlantic RESET of Stakeholder Approaches to Behavior Health

Regional Employer Stakeholder Engagement Team

BUSINESS GROUP ON HEALTH

### Partners in Collective Action



# Mobilizing Collective Action

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### Janet McNichol, ASHA

ASHA is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 211,000 members and affiliates who are audiologists; speech-language pathologists. The Association has 300 staff in Rockville, Maryland.



#### NATIONALLY IN 2013, PEOPLE WERE

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more likely to go out of
 network for a behavioral
 health office visit compared
 to primary care visits

371%

504

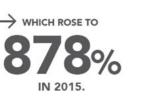
more likely **to go out of network** for a behavioral health office visit compared to med/surg specialist visits.

#### IN MARYLAND IN 2013, PEOPLE WERE

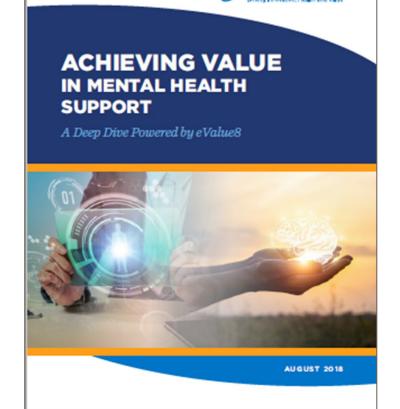
795% more likely to go out of network for a behavioral health office visit compared to primary care visits



791% more likely to go out of network for behavioral health office visits compared to med/surg specialist visit



Maryland's disparity is nearly twice the national average and is the 3rd WORST in the nation.



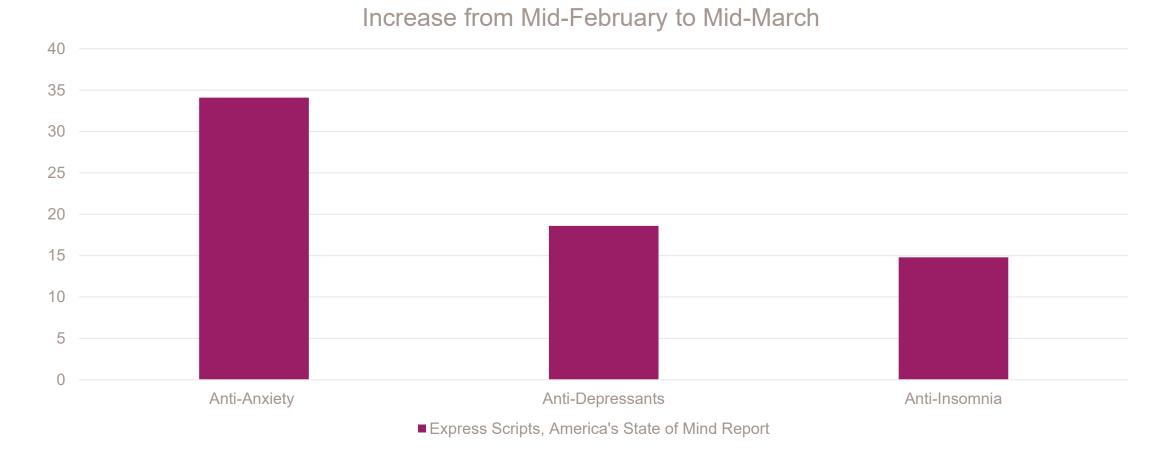


### **Priorities**





## **COVID-19 Impact on Mental Health Medication Use**



ASHA American Speech-Language-Heat

### Mental Health Association of Maryland

- Citizen advocacy, education, training and services oversight organization with 105 year history; affiliated with Mental Health America
- Lead a state coalition of 50+ consumer, family, advocacy and provider groups representing the interests of several hundred local organizational members
- Our role: Improving mental health and substance use outcomes across all age groups and populations



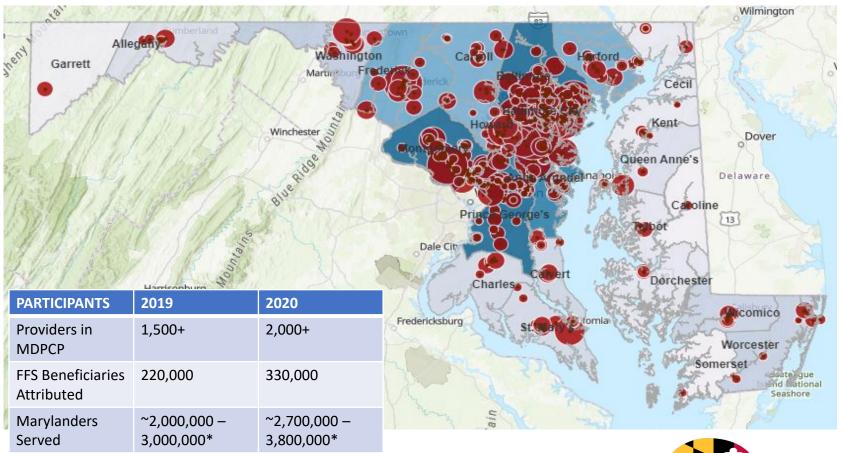
### Why the Path Forward

- Systems change in behavioral health is rarely a top priority among decision makers
- Effective alliances are central to success in accomplishing change
- Alignment with employers offers advocates a unique opportunity to broaden partnerships to advance shared goals
- The Path Forward offers opportunity for productive dialogue among stakeholders and payers outside of the legislative arena

### Resourcing the MidAtlantic Path Forward

- Existing relationships were leveraged in Maryland to secure grant funds to support launch of the MidAtlantic Path Forward
- The approach of the Path Forward represented a new and promising tactic to advance longstanding mental health and substance use policy goals
- The Path Forward resonated with our funder because it:
  Addressed social equity goals of the funder
  Offered promising strategies with potential for both regional and national impact

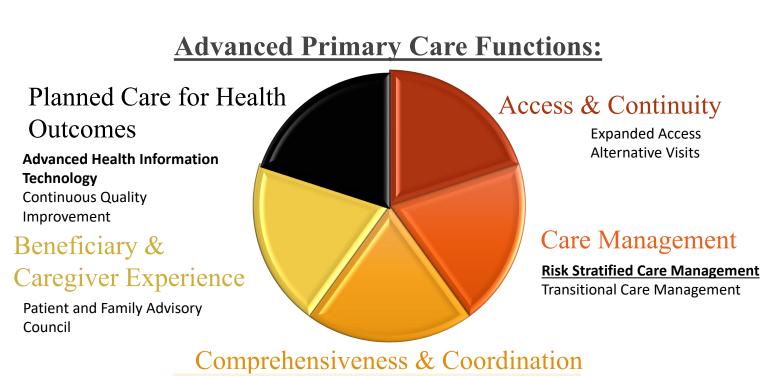
Maryland Primary Care Program 476 Practices and Growing adding FQHCs and more in 2020



\* The Annals of Family Medicine, 2012 http://www.annfammed.org/content/10/5/396.full



### MDPCP Advanced Primary Care Focus on Behavioral Health Integration



#### **Behavioral Health Integration**

Collaborative Care, SBIRT, and Co-Located services



#### **Behavioral Health**



Helping to ensure access to evidencebased care

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Connecting people to specialized expertise

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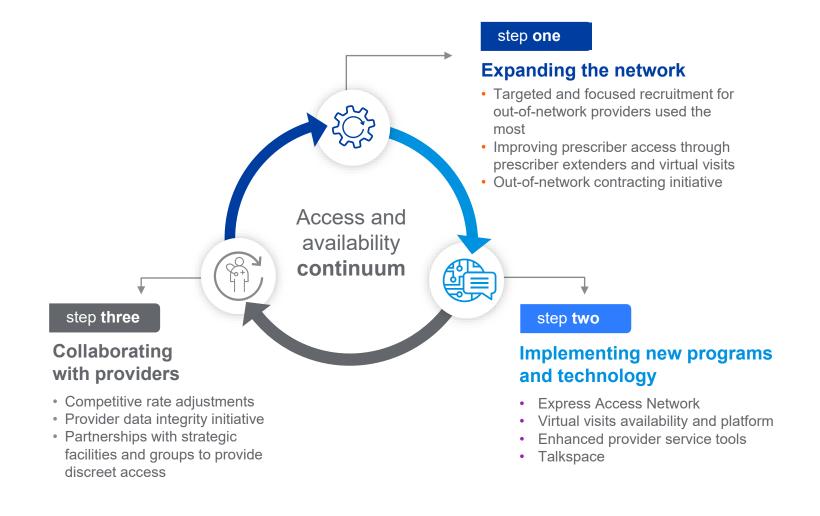
Helping to drive network quality through advanced analytics and insights

1. Optum national behavioral provider network count as of December 2019; Ogren, December 2019. 2. Gallucci G, Swartz W, Hackerman, F. 2005. Impact of the wait for an initial appointment on the rate of kept appointments at the mental health center. *Psychiatric Services*, Vol. 56, No. 3, 344-346. 3. Optum virtual visit provider network count as of May 2020; Montemayor, May 2020.



#### **Connecting Members to Care**





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