



# MARYLAND Department of Health

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Developmental Disabilities Administration Provider Agencies  
DDA Regional Offices

**DATE:** August 11, 2017

**FROM:** Bernard Simons  
Deputy Secretary  
Developmental Disabilities Administration

**RE:** Behavioral Supports Provider Application

The Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) has started the process of licensing organizations and individual clinicians to deliver behavioral supports. Behavioral supports is a continuum of services meant to support a participant, who is demonstrating challenging behaviors, to enhance his/her quality of life. DDA's goal in licensing behavioral supports providers is to build and develop a network of skilled professionals capable of providing quality services throughout the state.

The continuum of behavioral supports a licensed provider will deliver are:

- Behavioral Assessment – In-depth functional behavioral assessment of a participant's goals and preferences, current challenging behaviors, environmental factors influencing challenging behaviors, and co-occurring mental health issues impacting challenging behaviors.
- Behavioral Consultation – Oversight and monitoring the implementation of behavioral recommendations, the effectiveness of recommendations, and a participant's behavioral progress related to improved quality of life.
- Brief Support Implementation Services – Time-limited services to provide direct assistance and modeling for families, agency staff, and caregivers so they can independently implement behavioral recommendations.

The behavioral supports provider application is available on the DDA website at <https://dda.health.maryland.gov/Documents/Behavioral%20Support%20Services%20application%202017.pdf>. If you have questions related to the application process, please contact Janet Furman, Director of Provider Relations, at 410-767-5929 or [Janet.Furman@maryland.gov](mailto:Janet.Furman@maryland.gov).