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MEMORANDUM

To: DMHAS Private Non-Profit Providers
From: Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon, Ph.D.
Date: July 9, 2020
Subject: DMHAS COVID-19 Provider Update #20

Our update today contains information regarding a change related to group homes. The change is the result of an Executive Order that was recently enacted. More detail will be provided below. I also have included a reminder about PPE which continues to be available for our providers.

Executive Order No. 7FFF

Governor Lamont issued an Executive Order on July 6th called "PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND RESPONSE – PAYMENTS TO PRIVATE NON-MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS FOR ADULTS". The Executive Order modifies service requirements for group homes retroactive to the beginning of the COVID -19 public health emergency. The Order also permits changes in the requirements for semi-annual time studies. The Executive Order can be found at the following link:

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Orders/Lamont-Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-No-7FFF.pdf>

Briefly, the Executive Order changes the service requirement from 40 hours per month to 25 hours per month. Group home providers are aware that the Department of Social Services (DSS) Medicaid payments are contingent on the required hours being provided. The Executive Order also provides DSS's Commissioner with the authority to waive or modify the requirement for semi-annual time studies. More information is expected to be provided by DSS in the near future. Our intent is to make you aware of these potential changes associated with the Governor's Executive Order.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

DMHAS continues to receive additional shipment of PPE's. If your agency needs additional PPE, please request an order form by sending an email to lauren.simbab@ct.gov. Please understand that we may not be able to fulfill your exact request based on the number of provider agencies we are trying to support, so do your best to approximate what you need for the next 2-4 weeks.

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Many of our providers are beginning to slowly re-open as Connecticut continues to see declines in hospitalizations, deaths, and new cases of COVID. In fact, our current infection rate, a key metric, is among the lowest in the country. Your efforts have contributed to our ability to manage the pandemic. Thanks for everything you have done. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at Miriam.Delphin-Rittmon@ct.gov or Deputy Commissioner Nancy Navarretta via email at Nancy.Navarretta@ct.gov.