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To All Residential Care Home Providers:

Under Section 17b-340(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS), the Department has the authority to reimburse residential care homes for extraordinary and unanticipated costs necessary to avoid an immediate negative impact on the health and safety of residents.

In recognition of the current nationwide public health emergency, the Department of Social Services has implemented a temporary rate increase effective for the period April 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020. The rate increase is being used to provide funds to residential care home providers rapidly and, for that reason, the Department will not issue individual rate letters. Related, this process will not be subject to the re-hearing process under C.G.S. § 17b-238 (b) and providers will have no need to file requests for rehearing or to file subsequent 90-day detailed items of aggrievement.

Specifically, residential care home rates have been increased, over the current rate in effect, in recognition of the extraordinary costs related to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The additional reimbursement is to be applied towards employee and administrator wages, including staff retention bonuses, overtime, and shift incentive payments. The Department has revised Schedule A: Salary limitations for Cost Year 2020 for Residential Care Homes (attached) to reflect the maximum allowable administrator and related party salary.

Current Department policies concerning unallowable costs and related-party reimbursement policies not addressed in Schedule A remain in effect.

Given the normal delay between service provision and billing, to facilitate more immediate relief for providers, the Department will advance one month of the estimated rate increase differential to each residential care home immediately, to be recouped at a date to be determined in SFY 2021.

If the public health emergency continues beyond the June 30, 2020 rate increase period, the Department will consider extensions of the rate increases. Please contact Kate McEvoy, Director Division of Health Services, at kate.mcevoy@ct.gov with any questions on the above.

Thank you.

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