

Provider Notice

This is being sent on behalf of the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS). Given the unprecedented nature of the COVID-19 state of emergency and its effect on the way substance use treatment services are offered to Medicaid members, DMAS is offering weekly Q&A events with expert consultants to help providers navigate the changing policy landscape and effectively deliver tele-behavioral health and telemedicine services. These Q&A sessions are designed to address questions and concerns of a clinical nature and will be held **every Friday at 11:00 AM EDT**. The first event will be held this **Friday, April 10th**. Our expert consultants for these events are:

- **Dr. Mishka Terplan** - Dr. Terplan is board certified in both obstetrics and gynecology and in addiction medicine. His primary clinical, research and advocacy interests lie along the intersections of reproductive and behavioral health. He is Senior Physician Research Scientist at Friends Research Institute and adjunct faculty at the University of California, San Francisco where he is a Substance Use Warmline clinician for the Clinical Consultation Center. He is also the Addiction Medicine Consultant for Virginia Medicaid and a consultant for the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare.
- **Mr. Paul Brasler, LCSW** - Mr. Brasler became fascinated about substances of misuse while in graduate school when he completed an internship at a residential substance use treatment center for adult women. Since then, he has worked as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in a variety of settings including working as the Senior Clinician at the Chesterfield County Juvenile Drug Court, conducting psychiatric and substance use disorder assessments in area emergency departments, and working as the Head of Behavioral Health for Daily Planet Health Services, a Federally Qualified Health Center, where he developed into an Office-Based Opioid Treatment program. He served as an adjunct professor for the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work where he developed a graduate course on substance use treatment.

To encourage honest and open sharing of questions and concerns, these events will not be recorded.

Please use the following link to access the events. **The link will remain the same for all events, so please keep this email for future reference. Call-in details will be provided after you enter the event.**

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Please contact Jason Lowe at jason.lowe@dmas.virginia.gov with any questions about the upcoming webinars.