

Provider Notice

This is being sent on behalf of the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS).

Dear Behavioral Health Providers and Stakeholders,

Thank you for participating in our weekly WebEx sessions. We hope you are finding them meaningful and valuable as we all continue to adjust and adapt to current situations. A link is provided below for the upcoming call on Wednesday, April 22nd at 11 a.m. [Click here](#) to see the materials we reviewed on the April 15th call. Unfortunately, we were not able to record yesterday's call using WebEx, but we are working on a solution to be able to consistently record all calls in the future and have them available online. Thank you for your patience as we learn and explore technologies available for our use.

In addition to the materials from the calls, we are providing you with a (1) [Virginia Behavioral Health Telehealth Decision Tree](#) (replicated from Hawaii Telehealth Decision Tree) and (2) [COVID-19 Information on Medicaid Enrollment, Eligibility, and Appeals](#).

We also wanted to share with you all the opportunity for a federal grant to support telehealth requirements and needs. The COVID-19 Telehealth Program will provide \$200 million in funding, appropriated by Congress as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, to help healthcare providers provide connected care services to patients at their homes or mobile locations in response to the novel Coronavirus 2019 disease (COVID-19) pandemic. The COVID-19 Telehealth Program is limited to nonprofit and public eligible health care providers that fall within the categories of health care providers in section 254(h)(7)(B) of the 1996 Act: (1) post-secondary educational institutions offering health care instruction, teaching hospitals, and medical schools; (2) community health centers or health centers providing health care to migrants; (3) local health departments or agencies; (4) **community mental health centers**; (5) not-for-profit hospitals; (6) rural health clinics; (7) skilled nursing facilities; or (8) **consortia of health care providers consisting of one or more entities falling into the first seven categories**. To find out more information and apply for the federal funding please visit: <https://www.fcc.gov/covid-19-telehealth-program>

REMINDER For Next Week: Please add the following invitation to your calendar for the call.

(Note: Due to the volume of potential invitees, we will not be sending out a separate calendar invite).

Event:	COVID-19 Response - DMAS Behavioral Health Providers & Stakeholders
Event address for attendees:	https://covaconf.webex.com/covaconf/onstage/g.php?MTID=e6c8491d102d6f39afc354491fac8f237
Date and time:	Wednesday, April 22, 2020 11:00 am Eastern Daylight Time (New York, GMT-04:00)
Duration:	1 hour
Event number:	619 636 157

Audio conference: US Toll Free
+1-866-692-4530
Access code: 619 636 157

The DMAS webpage for provider and member guidance can be found here:

- o Member Information: https://coverva.org/materials/Covid19_One_Pager_English_4_9.pdf
- o Provider and MCO Information: <https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/#/emergencywaiver>
- o You can sign up to start receiving automatic notifications of guidance posted by going to this link: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/VADMAS/subscriber/new?qsp=VADMAS_2
- o Have other questions about how Medicaid is improving access to care in response to COVID-19? Contact DMAS here: <http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/contactforms/#/general> or COVID-19@dmas.virginia.gov.

For DBHDS Updates and Guidance, please visit the DBHDS COVID-19 Resource Page: <http://www.dbhds.virginia.gov/covid19>

We look forward to speaking with you on **Wednesday April 22, 2020 at 11 a.m.**

In Service with You,

The Department of Medical Assistance Services, Division of Behavioral Health