

# Provider Notice

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Dear Behavioral Health Providers and Stakeholders,

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 several online training sessions with expert consultants to help providers navigate the changing policy landscape and effectively deliver tele-behavioral health and telemedicine services. The webinars will be presented by Paul Brasler, DMAS' Behavioral Health Addiction Specialist and/or Dr. Mishka Terplan, DMAS' Addiction Medicine Consultant.

## Webinars for the week of April 20<sup>th</sup>-April 24<sup>th</sup>:

(Please use the given links to access the events. Call-in details will be provided after you enter the event.)

### April 20, 2020:

- 1:00 pm– 2:00 pm: **Crisis & De-escalation Techniques** –Paul Brasler: <https://covaconf.webex.com/covaconf/onstage/g.php?MTID=e35faf500def46a50cc03a9889bfbe6b9>

### April 22, 2020:

- 12:00 – 1:00 pm: **Home Inductions** – Dr. Mishka Terplan. The format will be a 20 minute presentation followed by case studies. To propose a case study to review, please email [mishka.terplan@dmass.virginia.gov](mailto:mishka.terplan@dmass.virginia.gov). <https://covaconf.webex.com/covaconf/j.php?MTID=mdf7b07106281fe83bdd5f4ac1afd3afc>

### April 23, 2020:

- 12:00 – 1:00 pm: **Managing Withdrawal through Tele-Health** – Paul Brasler and Dr. Mishka Terplan: <https://covaconf.webex.com/covaconf/onstage/g.php?MTID=efcbaa8004a9c10936aebb1061cb87f4>
- 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm: **Client Engagement (Motivational Interviewing & Case Management/Care Coordination)** – Paul Brasler: <https://covaconf.webex.com/covaconf/onstage/g.php?MTID=efd94553eb1e87b6487d397eaddb51ab7>

### April 24, 2020:

1— in Virginia, Magellan contracts as Magellan Healthcare, Inc., f/k/a Magellan Behavioral Health, Inc., which is a subsidiary of Magellan Health, Inc.

- 11:00 am – 12:00 pm: **Weekly Question and Answer Sessions on Providing Substance Use Disorder Treatment Via Telehealth** – Dr. Mishka Terplan and Paul Brasler: <https://covaconf.webex.com/covaconf/j.php?MTID=mab0aec6846e298682399d24402952dad>
- 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm: **Crisis & De-escalation Techniques** – Presented by: Paul Brasler: <https://covaconf.webex.com/covaconf/onstage/g.php?MTID=efb3b9012824404881905b173a44e37e7>

**Presenters:**

**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.

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The Department of Medical Assistance Services, Division of Behavioral Health