

# Provider Notice

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## **DMAS SUPPORT Act Grant: Section 1003 and COVID-19 Response**

### **Background**

The Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) was awarded the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services SUPPORT Act Section 1003 Grant in September 2019. The purpose of this grant is to decrease substance use disorder (SUD) provider workforce barriers and increase the treatment capacity of providers participating under the state Medicaid program to provide SUD treatment or recovery services. While also recognizing the new barriers SUD providers are experiencing during the COVID-19 state of emergency, DMAS, through the SUPPORT Act Grant, is offering technical assistance and training webinars focused on substance use disorder related topics and treatment practices.

### **Mission Statement**

These technical assistance and training webinars are designed to increase SUD knowledge and to provide support to anyone who serves Medicaid members with substance use disorders. The overall goal of the webinars, as well as other grant activities, is to increase addiction and recovery workforce capacity while also creating a culture of understanding, empathy, and support for individuals with substance use disorder in various workforce settings.

**Webinars for the week of April 27<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>**: Click on the links below to register for and join the events. Call-in details will be provided once you join.

#### Monday, April 27, 2020

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.: **Suicide Assessment, Screening and Intervention** –Paul Brasler

<https://covaconf.webex.com/covaconf/onstage/g.php?MTID=e141f45d97f5661266cbc96cbfded32a6>

#### Tuesday, April 28, 2020

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.: **Trauma-Informed Care and Tele-Behavioral Health\*** –Paul Brasler

<https://covaconf.webex.com/covaconf/onstage/g.php?MTID=e7983b983d85803618b990555994bea81>

#### Thursday, April 30, 2020

9 a.m. - 10 a.m.: **Trauma-Informed Care and Tele-Behavioral Health (Repeated)\*** –Paul Brasler

<https://covaconf.webex.com/covaconf/onstage/g.php?MTID=e50c125e8a07db2566cc24dcdf04dcdd2>

#### Friday, May 1, 2020

11 a.m. – noon: **Weekly Question and Answer** – Paul Brasler

<https://covaconf.webex.com/covaconf/j.php?MTID=mab0aec6846e298682399d24402952dad>

\*New Topics

### **Virginia Medicaid Behavioral Health/ARTS COVID-19 Memos**

Please use the following link to find the most up-to-date information about the new Medicaid Behavioral Health and Addiction and Recovery Treatment Services (ARTS) service flexibility in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency: <https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/#/emergencywaiver>. If providers are experiencing billing problems, concerns, or have questions, please email the ARTS team at [SUD@dmas.virginia.gov](mailto:SUD@dmas.virginia.gov).

### **What substance use disorder topics do you want to learn about?**

Take our survey to let us know! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SUDtopics>

Please contact Jason Lowe at [jason.lowe@dmas.virginia.gov](mailto:jason.lowe@dmas.virginia.gov) with any questions about the upcoming webinars.

### **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.