



Provider Notice

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

Dear Behavioral Health Stakeholders,

Guess what?!? It's MAY!!!!

May is **Mental Health Awareness Month!** Mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being. While 1 in 5 people will experience a mental illness during their lifetime, everyone faces challenges in life that can impact their mental health. Join the **#millioninmay** campaign. This May Mental Health America is aiming for 1 million mental health screens at MHAscreening.org to normalize preventative measures for mental health conditions and encourage people to seek help. Also, please click to see the handout regarding "[COVID-19 and Your Mental Health](#)." Please feel free to share with us examples of what your company or agency may be doing to bring awareness to Mental Health this month. You can email those examples to EnhancedBH@dmas.virginia.gov.

***Check it out!** We have reorganized our COVID-19 Webpage: <https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/#/emergencywaiver>. On this page you will find guidance documents for all providers and a Behavioral Health specific section with general, behavioral health, and ARTs FAQs posted!

DMAS, DSS, VDH, and DSS collaborated on "[Directives for Providers of Children's Residential and Group Care-COVID-19 Response](#)", which you can access by clicking the link.

DMAS, through the SUPPORT Act Grant, is offering technical assistance and training webinars focused on substance use disorder related topics and treatment practices. 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 topics for the month of May include **Managing Withdrawal through Tele-health, Trauma-Informed Care and Tele-Behavioral Health, Opioids and Stimulants and much more**. Click [here](#) for more information and to register for this series of **FREE** technical assistance opportunities.

Save-the-Dates

COVID-19 Response DMAS Behavioral Health Provider Stakeholder Call

When: Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Time: 11 a.m.

WebEx Information:

1-866-692-4530

Access code: 613 300 039

<https://covaconf.webex.com/covaconf/onstage/g.php?MTID=e2c5027750448bf2cf2a64f3d63ee3920>

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When: Wednesday, May 20, 2020

Time: 11 a.m.

WebEx Information: 1-866-692-4530

Access code: 611 901 975

<https://covaconf.webex.com/covaconf/onstage/g.php?MTID=e9abe415f915b5c1d6b9457e3f20c3086>

**** During these calls we will discuss FAQs, guidance, technical assistance, and allow Q&A.***

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

- Member Information: https://coverva.org/materials/Covid19_One_Pager_English_4_9.pdf
- Provider and MCO Information: <https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/#/emergencywaiver>
- 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
- Have other questions about how Medicaid is improving access to care in response to COVID-19? Contact DMAS at <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, May 6, 2020 at 11 a.m.**

In Service with You,

The Department of Medical Assistance Services, Division of Behavioral Health