

FYI Fridays

DBH Updates, Notices, and Policy Guidance

April 24, 2020

1. **Budget Update** – The General Assembly returns to session on Monday, April 27, 2020.
2. **Consumer Stimulus Checks** – There have been questions raised regarding the government stimulus checks being sent to consumers. These funds do *not* prompt a new calculation of the SMT for DMH provided services. Simply, the funds belong to the consumer and are intended to be spent by the consumer or representative payee in the interest of the recipient to stimulate the economy. Additionally, DHSS issued a notice on April 22, 2020 to Long Term Care facilities, <https://ltc.health.mo.gov/archives/14099>, which offers more information to providers. DHSS updates for their licensed facilities may be posted on <https://ltc.health.mo.gov/>.
3. **Billing Medicare for Audio-Only Interventions (FFS)** - The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) released a State Medicaid & CHIP Telehealth [Toolkit](#) on April 23, 2020. As you are aware, CMS has expanded access to Medicare telehealth services as a result of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. The guidance in this Toolkit allows for a broad range of clinicians to provide certain services via telephone (audio-only). There is a range of codes that can be used by practitioners that can (99441-99443) and cannot (98966-98968) independently bill for evaluation and management visits. This information can be found on page four (4) of the Toolkit under the “A Note from Medicare” heading. For dual eligible consumers, providers can bill Medicare as outlined in the guidance and crossovers to Medicaid will process as usual. This applies to fee-for-service billings only. PPS guidance will be forthcoming.
4. **A BIG PPE THANK YOU!** – To **Brent McGinty** and the **Missouri Coalition for Behavioral Healthcare** for picking up PPE items at Fulton State Hospital and shipping these materials out to providers who had requested them! We so appreciate this spirit of community partnership!
5. **MHD Hot Tips** - A new Hot Tip has been posted on the MO HealthNet Division [Provider Hot Tip Page](#) as follows:
 - [COVID-19: New Laboratory Codes updated 04/09/2020](#)
 - [NOW STATEWIDE! --Missouri Child Psychiatry Access Project](#)

For provider and policy issues regarding MHD Clinical Services Programs, including Pharmacy, The Missouri Rx Plan (MORx), Psychology, Exceptions, and Medical Precertifications, email us at: clinical.services@dss.mo.gov. Questions and comments regarding any other issues should be directed to: ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov
6. **2020 Real Voices, Real Choices Conference** - Due to the COVID-19 crisis and the social distancing practices that may still be needed long-term, it is with regret that the Real Voices Real Choices IN-PERSON conference is being CANCELED for Aug 30-Sept 1. However, we will instead be offering VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS AND ACTIVITIES throughout the week of August 30, 2020. This decision was not made lightly as the safety of our consumers, their families, and caregivers are a priority. Find full details regarding this cancelation/change in the RVRC Conference at <https://dmh.mo.gov/opla/real-voices-real-choices-consumer-conference>
7. **COVID-19 Update** –
 - **Increased Testing Capacity** - The DHSS issued a news release today explaining “Increased testing capacity allows Missouri to expand criteria for patient testing.” The full press release is available here <https://health.mo.gov/news/newsitem/uuid/912934b4-fa13-408b-a9b7-627db5c1c1e1/increased-testing-capacity-allows-missouri-to-expand-criteria-for-patient-testing>

- **Multilingual Resources** - [Novel Coronavirus Fact Sheet PDF Document](#)
 - [Amharic PDF Document](#), [Arabic PDF Document](#), [Chinese Simplified PDF Document](#), [Chinese Traditional PDF Document](#), [English PDF Document](#), [Hindi PDF Document](#), [Japanese PDF Document](#), [Khmer PDF Document](#), [Korean PDF Document](#), [Russian PDF Document](#), [Somali PDF Document](#), [Spanish PDF Document](#), [Tagalog PDF Document](#), [Thai PDF Document](#) and [Vietnamese PDF Document](#)
 - [CDC Multilingual Resources](#)
 - [Additional Multilingual Resources](#)
- **Weekly DBH Provider Calls** - At this point, we will continue to do one call per week on Wednesdays at 12:00p.m. Resources that we encourage you to check out (these pages all continue to be updated):

DBH COVID-19 Guidance/Resources - <https://dmh.mo.gov/coronavirus-covid-19-information>

DMH Disaster Services Website - <https://dmh.mo.gov/disaster-services/covid-19-information>

MO DHSS Website - <https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus/>

CDC Website - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

CMS Website - <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-publishes-first-set-covid-19-frequently-asked-questions-fags-state-medicaid-and-childrens-health>

Info and Resources

1. **Intimate Partner Violence and Child Abuse Considerations During COVID-19** - As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, Americans are required to stay home to protect themselves and their communities. However, the home may not be safe for many families who experience domestic violence, which may include both intimate partners and children. Violence in the home has an overall cost to society, leading to potentially adverse physical and mental health outcomes. To help families and communities address intimate partner violence and child abuse health concerns, see SAMHSA's [Intimate Partner Violence and Child Abuse Considerations During COVID-19](#) resource document.
2. **Making Room for Grief During COVID-19** - In this installment of the "Coping During COVID-19" series, Psych Congress Steering Committee member Andrew Penn, RN, MS, NP, CNS, APRN-BC, writes about how people can navigate the grief they experience during the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. **Probation and Parole Regional Oversight Meetings** – These are subject to change given rapidly changing plans regarding COVID-19.

June 5 – Southwest Region – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Location: Library, 4653 S. Campbell, Springfield

June 9 – Western Region - 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Location: KC-ATC, 2600 E. 12th St. Kansas City

June 22 – North Central Region – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Location: Columbia P&P Office, 1903 N. Providence, Columbia

June 23 – NE Region – (Districts 11, 16, 17, and 38) – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Location: P&P Office, Spencer Road Library, 427 Spencer, St. Peters

June 30 – SE Region – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Location: La Croix Methodist, 3102 Lexington, Cape Girardeau

TBD – NE Region – (Districts 3, 18 and 26) 9:00 am – 11:00 am - (To be rescheduled from April 14)
Location: P&P Office, 1317 E. Highway 24, Suite B, Moberly

TBD – Eastern Region – 9:30 am – 12:00 pm - (To be rescheduled from April 20)

Location: P&P Office District 7S, 3101 Chouteau, St. Louis

Training Events

- Emerging Issues Around COVID-19 and Social Determinants of Health for the Substance Use Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Workforces** - The Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) Network, and the Prevention Technology Transfer Center (PTTC) Network are facilitating a FREE, national online discussion and resource sharing opportunity for the substance use (SU) prevention, treatment, and recovery workforces focused on emerging issues around social determinants of health (SDH) and COVID-19. No registration required for the live sessions. Simply click on the zoom link at the appropriate date and time to join the discussion. No CEs or certificates of attendance will be provided for these sessions.
 - Tuesday, April 28: 2-3:00 pm: Strategic Discussion 1:** [Health Disparities and the Impact on COVID-19 on African-American and black community.](#) Password: 873512
 - Thursday, April 30: 2-3 pm ET: Strategic Discussion 2:** [Strategies to Support the LatinX Community.](#) Password: 472743
 - Tuesday, May 5: 2-3 pm ET: Strategic Discussion 3:** [American-Indian/Alaska Native communities: Trauma-Responsive Approaches to Support the Communities.](#) Password: 721216
 - Thursday, May 7: 2-3 pm ET: Strategic Discussion 4:** [Asian-American communities and Addressing Stigma.](#) Password: 946684
 - Tuesday, May 12: 2-3 pm ET: Strategic Discussion 5:** [Wrap-up Session Racial equity and health disparities in the age of COVID-19: What new strategies are needed.](#) Password: 100817
- Going “Virtual Service” – Reaching Consumers Where They Are At With Telehealth And More –An Overview** - This special web briefing featuring Steven Remillard, Senior Associate, *OPEN MINDS*, reviewed the current state of virtual services during the pandemic and explored the new paradigm of virtual health care as we move beyond the crisis. Take the deep dive into all aspects of building your virtual practice—telehealth service delivery platform, securing revised contracts with payers, centralized scheduling with customer service for support and follow-up, and more! If you were unable to attend this web briefing, or would like to share a copy presentation with your team, a recording of the session, as well as a copy of the slide deck, is now available for download. [Download Now!](#)
- The Power of Wellness** - In this video, Psych Congress Steering Committee member Saundra Jain, MA, PsyD, LPC, discusses how focusing on elements of wellness can help mental health clinicians care for themselves and their patients throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.
[Watch the Video](#)
- Promoting Health Equity for Black Patients with Opioid Use Disorder** – Offered by DMH in partnership with MIMH and the Missouri Coalition via the SOR grant, in this **two-part webinar series**, we will discuss the historical and present-day context that has led to disparities in treatment and outcomes for Black patients with opioid use disorder and offer solutions to address and eliminate these inequities. May 20, 2020, from 11 am – 12 noon CST.
Registration: [CLICK HERE](#) Topics covered include:

- Initiation and patterns of opioid use in the Black Community
 - National/statewide evidence on morbidity and mortality of opioid use disorder (OUD) in the Black Community
 - Structural racism and its health effects
 - Specific policies that lead to disparate health outcomes
5. **Webinar Series on Recovery from SMI** - The Northeast and Caribbean MHTTC is proud to offer a webinar series on: *Recovery from Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and the Practices that Support Recovery*. This series will introduce the participant to recovery from SMI and many of the evidence-based and promising practices that support recovery. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Upcoming events in the series (all events take place from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. E.T.):

- **May 7**- Role of Religion and Spirituality in Recovery: Benefits and Challenges of Religion and Spirituality in Recovery and Strategies for Navigating this Topic
 - **May 21**- Recovery in the Hispanic and Latinx Community: What is the Understanding of Recovery in the Hispanic and Latina Community and How Can We Support It
6. **Family Support Provider Training** - Family Support Providers (FSPs) help families navigate systems when their children or youth live with Behavioral Health, Substance Use, or Developmental Disabilities. This family peer program gives assistance to families facing disappointments, worries about their future, and helps them build resiliency. Scheduled for June 9 – 11, 2020. For further information, please contact Jill Richardson at jill.richardson@dmh.mo.gov

Recurring Training Opportunities

Please contact the training sponsor as these events may be subject to change given the developing COVID-19 situation.

1. **MCB's Clinical Supervision Trainings** - This training is required for an individual to be a MCB Qualified Clinical Supervisor. If you have any questions, please contact the MCB office at 573-616-2300 or help@missouricb.com
- **May 14 and 15, 2020** - Kansas City - [Click Here for May Training Registration Form](#)
 - **July 30 and 31st, 2020** - Joplin - [Click Here for the July Joplin CST Training Registration Form](#)
 - **November 19 and 20, 2020** - St. Louis - [Click Here for the November St. Louis CST Training Registration Form](#)
2. **MAT (Buprenorphine) Waiver Course** - Opioid SOR, in partnership with the Missouri Coalition for Community Behavioral Healthcare are providing an 8-hour MAT Waiver Course. This **course** is different from the traditional 8-hour live course, as the first 4-hours will be in person and then the last 4-hours will be individual online work. Once you complete the first 4-hour live training, you will receive an email from AAAP with a link for the other 4-hours of individual work. Once that work is completed, they will send you a certificate of completion.

AVAILABLE TRAINING DATES:

St. Louis, Missouri

Saturday, June 13, 2020 - Time: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Presenter: Dr. Fred Rottnek

Saturday, August 8, 2020 - Time: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Presenter: Dr. Fred Rottnek

Saturday, September 26, 2020 - Time: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Presenter: Dr. Evan Schwarz

Saturday, November 7, 2020 - Time: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Presenter: Dr. Evan Schwarz

Register Here: <http://www.cvent.com/d/chqswm>

**Additional dates may be added throughout the year.*

8 Hour Online MAT Waiver Training

Register Here: <https://learning.pcassnow.org/p/onlinematwaiver>

3. **Certified Peer Specialist Supervision Trainings** - The MCB will be offering the following Certified Peer Specialist Supervision Trainings. The training has been changed slightly and updated for 2020 so if you have attended previously, you are welcome to sign up again. These trainings are free and lunch is provided. [Click Here for the Peer Specialist Supervision Training Registration Form](#). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the MCB office at 573-616-2300 or help@missouricb.com.

Thursday June 25 - St. Louis, MO

Thursday August 13 - Springfield, MO

Thursday October 15 - Cape Girardeau, MO

Thursday December 17 - Jefferson City, MO

Look for updates on different topics/initiatives next Friday!