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VABA Presents: COVID-19 Digest 11

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No longer weekly!

You can find the latest updates on COVID-19 infections, recoveries, and deaths here (choose VA in dropdown):

<http://covid19.healthdata.org/>

Also by county:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/>

See what the governor is saying on his official Web site:

<https://www.governor.virginia.gov/>

As always, the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/) and [WHO](https://www.who.int/) have up-to-date and reliable health information.

VABA Has a [Q&A on our Web site](#) to Answer all Your Burning Coronavirus Questions



This Week's Highlight: DMAS (Medicaid) Clarifications

On Tuesday, 6/16, Governor Northam stated that VA is not yet ready for Phase 3, but more information will be coming out soon.

On 6/11, DMAS distributed a [memo](#) clarifying Behavioral Therapy Provider flexibility. The only thing the memo was supposed to do was to clarify that telephonic services are currently covered and that there is NOT a maximum of one unit a day (as may have been

previously implied). In the [memo](#), language was copied that mentioned the 120-day service delivery related to location. This does not really apply to behavioral therapy as those services may be provided wherever the behaviors occur. It also does not imply that there will be an end to the telehealth flexibility any time soon. DMAS has promised to give us a lot of warning when that will happen. Please email admin@virginiaaba.org if you have any further questions.

On 6/16, DMAS sent out an email with the following information. There are no guarantees, but all signs point to this being applicable for behavioral therapy providers (LBAs)! So, act now!

Medicaid providers now have the opportunity to receive coronavirus relief funds to support them during the COVID-19 health emergency.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is allocating \$15 billion to providers who participate in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program and have not received a payment from the Provider Relief Fund General Allocation.

The deadline to submit applications is July 20, 2020. We encourage providers to apply even if you are uncertain whether you are eligible.

HHS recently updated its [provider relief fund website](#) with information about these emergency payments. Check out these links for step-by-step help with your application:

- [A set of instructions for providers](#)
- [The application form itself](#)
- [The portal to complete the application process](#)

The payment amount will be at least 2 percent of reported gross revenue from Medicaid and CHIP care. Providers are required to provide data to HHS, including the number of Medicaid patients served.

[Visit the COVID-19 page on the Virginia Medicaid agency website.](#)

WE WANT YOUR HELP!



Are you providing ABA services via Telehealth? Is it working? Do you want to continue to the practice after the pandemic is over? Many do and for that reason, WE NEED DATA! We will be contacting agencies soon about sharing data on successes (and challenges) of telehealth. If you want to be involved, email admin@virginiaaba.org

Are You Hiring?

Get your job noticed!

During COVID-19 restrictions, VABA is not charging for job postings. [Click here](#) to post yours!



Medicaid Providers! Are you on the call?

Make sure to attend the weekly provider calls.

If you have any issues with any part of your services to Medicaid, please email VABA at admin@virginiaaba.org. We will compile them and get you answers quickly. DMAS prefers that questions be funneled through the provider associations (such as VABA).

DMAS is continually updating this Web page:
<https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/#/emergencywaiver> with information.

Please fill out this survey if you provide services through Medicaid using telehealth:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/dmastelehealthsurvey2>

