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Dear CSS Provider:

I appreciate the ongoing dialogue my staff and I have had with you regarding the launch of Community Support Services (CSS). I want to assure you that the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) is committed to advancing this initiative and consequent transition to fee for service in a thoughtful, well planned manner.

Several months ago, I indicated that DMHAS wanted providers to have at least six (6) months of CSS service provision in order to have time to refine their internal processes before moving to FFS. Therefore, since the timeframe to acclimate to Medicaid billing and the timeframe for full implementation of the service is compressed, the division is offering CSS providers the choice to remain in deficit-funded contracts until January 1, 2018 or to transition to FFS in July 2017.

For any CSS providers that choose to transition in January 2018, their state dollar claims will not generate a payment. Instead, CSS providers will be paid 1/12th of their contract for the months of June – December 2017. The DMHAS contract will be reduced commensurate with Medicaid revenues generated for those agencies that remain in a deficit-funded contract July – December 2017.

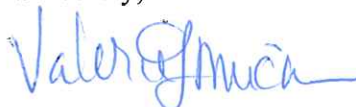
Under this transition model, CSS providers cannot break apart their CSS contract allowing some locations to remain in a deficit-funded contract (with the exception of any new supportive housing/CSS awards issued after January 2017) and others in state FFS. The provider must transition all CSS payments to FFS or all CSS services must remain in a deficit-funded contract in July 2017.

CSS will be included in the NJ Mental Health Application for Payment Processing (NJMHAPP) in July 2017. All CSS providers, irrespective of their fee for service transition date choice, will be required to enter data into NJMHAPP for non-Medicaid enrolled consumers, so that encounter data can be collected on service utilization. Additionally, all CSS providers are required to begin billing Medicaid in April 2017 or sooner.

Please notify your contract administrator and program analyst in writing by March 20, 2017 of your transition date choice - either July 2017 or January 2018. If the division does not have your decision by the deadline, July 1, 2017 will be the default date for your agency's transition to fee for service.

As we continue to make strides in moving our system further towards consumer driven, recovery oriented services; I value the partnership that the DMHAS has with you and your organization. So much of our shared success depends on our ability to work respectfully and collaboratively in these efforts. I thank you for this ongoing partnership.

Sincerely,



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