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Dear Mental Health Providers,

First and foremost, I want to thank you for your continued service to individuals who have a serious mental illness, a substance use disorder and/or their loved ones who support them. The impact of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is rapidly evolving and accordingly the Department of Human Services has been aggressively working to respond.

The Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), recognizes that many of you have been creative and innovative in providing critical behavioral health services in a manner that helps to protect staff and consumers from the spread of COVID-19. The accompanying contract guidance document and attestation are to support agency innovation and flexibility in the delivery of services during this State of Emergency.

In recognition of the extenuating circumstances presented by the COVID-19 State of Emergency as ordered by the Governor, DMHAS is instituting an Emergency Payment policy for community based providers. There are three (3) attachments:

- 1) A general guidance document outlining the key elements of this policy;
- 2) A required attestation form that we are asking all providers who wish to receive the Emergency Payments to sign; and
- 3) A sample of a basic roster we are asking all Mental Health Providers to complete while the State of Emergency is in effect and during which they will receive Emergency Payments.

The guidance document outlines other reporting requirements and conditions.

Please review these documents carefully and let me know if you have any questions. Also, as indicated in the attached, please return the signed attestation addressed to Morris Friedman (CFO) by no later than **March 31, 2020** at DMHAS-COVID19-Attestation@dhs.nj.gov. Thank you very much for your efforts.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Commissioner

Attachment