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While the COVID-19 Disaster Proclamation is in effect, the following blanket exceptions are approved for all licensed and funded IDHS/SUPR substance use disorder treatment and interventions services.

1. Section 2060.401 Levels of Care

Substance use disorder treatment shall be offered in varying degrees of intensity based on the need and availability of patients and staff. While every attempt should be made to adhere to the established recommended hours of service per level of care, organizations may modify those specified in Administrative Rule 2060. 401. In addition, all clinical services may be provided through telehealth.

2. Telehealth Services

Telehealth services do not have to originate in a prearranged secured location. The use of home computers, mobile devices or land line telephones is allowed. IDHS/SUPR organizations must obtain verbal consent from patients to participate in telehealth and inform the patients of the risk of participating in telehealth using home computers, mobile devices or land line telephones, (e.g., privacy and security liability). A note recording that verbal agreement must be put in the chart with the date and time. During the patient's next visit, the organization will obtain written consent for telehealth services and review all documents with the patient that require the patient's signature."

3. Section 2060.417 Assessment for Patient Placement

Assessments for patient placement can be provided through telehealth.

4. Section 2060.421 Treatment Plans

Treatment plan development will not have established timeframes for completion. They will occur following clinical recommendations that meet the needs of patients and staff.

5. Section 2060.423 Continued Stay Review

Continued stay reviews will not have established timeframes for completion. They will occur following clinical recommendations that meet the needs of patients and staff.

6. Section 2060.505 DUI Risk Education

7. Risk education courses shall include a minimum of 10 hours of classroom instruction, divided into at least four sessions held on different days. Classroom instruction can be provided through on-line telehealth services.

8. Section 2060.509 Recovery Homes

Recovery homes are not be required to offer regularly scheduled peer-led or community gatherings (self-help groups, etc.) a minimum of five days per week or recovery education groups weekly.

If you have any questions or need further information send an email to the IDHS/SUPR's Help Desk, DoIT.SUPRHELP@ILLINOIS.GOV.

Sincerely,



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