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IDHS/SUPR greatly appreciates the ongoing commitment of our substance use disorder (SUD) organizations who are struggling to provide residential SUD treatment during the COVID-19 Disaster Proclamation. Services during this time are particularly challenging for homeless individuals who have no safe, stable place to return to upon discharge from Level 3 residential care.

We recognize that continued stay in these levels of care may not always be authorized by third party payors (Medicaid Managed Care, private insurance, etc.) and, as a result, there must be another housing option for homeless patients who no longer have clinical or medical necessity for SUD Level 3 care during the course of the COVID-19 pandemic. To help alleviate this problem, effective immediately, IDHS/SUPR will allow the following changes throughout the course of the COVID-19 Disaster Proclamation or until stable, safe housing is located for the patient:

1. Homeless patients will be allowed to "shelter-in-place" when residential Level 3 care is no longer medically or clinically necessary or is no longer authorized by a third-party payor and/or through the organization's continued stay review process.
2. Upon discharge from Level 3 care, these patients should be recorded in DARTS as transferred to a Recovery Home setting although they do not need to physically relocate from the bed they are currently occupying.
3. A recovery plan should be developed for these patients that includes continued outpatient, case management, medication-assisted recovery and recovery support as indicated through assessed need. These services may continue to be billed to the appropriate fund source. For example, the patient may still need some outpatient counseling or Medication Assisted Treatment and both of these services could still be reimbursed by Medicaid.
4. A recovery home billing code will be assigned to each facility and IDHS/SUPR will reimburse organizations, using contract funds at the current recovery home rate, for each day that the patient remains in recovery home status. As allowed currently for Recovery Homes, additional clinical or medically necessary services can also be billed to the appropriate fund source. Additionally, IDHS/SUPR is waiving the licensure requirement to add Recovery Home as an additional service for the licensed residential facility.



JB Pritzker, Governor

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At this time we also encourage you to review the recent Smart Alert posted at <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=123132> with attachments that describe revised billing procedures and a "Request for Information, Expenditures and Funding Increase Request" form. **We have extended the timeframe for submission of this form until April 15, 2020.** This information is critical for IDHS/SUPR and will be of great assistance as we plan for the remainder of this fiscal year and for FY2021.

We hope the relaxation and modification of these billing requirements will assist you as we all move through these challenging times together. Please contact Jayne.Antonacci@illinois.gov with questions regarding billing changes and, as always, direct any other questions to DoIT.SUPRHelp@Illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

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