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Illinois Department of Human Services

Grace B. Hou, Secretary

Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery

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COVID-19 Crisis Support Plan for IDHS/SUPR Funded Recovery Residences

The Illinois Department of Human Services /Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery (IDHS/SUPR) greatly appreciates your ongoing commitment to provide substance use disorder treatment services and safe and stable housing during the COVID-19 pandemic. Recovery Residences (RR) provide withdrawal management (Levels of Care 3.2 and 3.7), residential/inpatient (Levels of Care 3.1 and 3.5) and supportive housing (Recovery Homes) for those in recovery.

We understand that due to the COVID-19 pandemic you are experiencing additional challenges sustaining your programs. As described in Secretary Grace B. Hou's letter on March 6, 2020 and further clarified on March 23, 2020, all funded organizations will be held harmless and kept whole, to the maximum extent possible, as operations are diminished or temporarily suspended during this national and state emergency. Additionally, if any grant program (fixed rate and expense-based) is required to or decides to close temporarily in response to COVID-19, IDHS/SUPR will continue to fund operations.

RRs that do remain open during the COVID-19 Disaster Proclamation and continue to provide shelter and essential services (e.g., food, water) to PUI or COVID-19 positive patients/residents will also receive an additional 10% increase above the amount of capacity grant funding referenced above. This 10% increase must be used specifically to support additional staffing and operational costs for service delivery during this time. Please notify Kim Fornero at Kimberly.Fornero@illinois.gov if you are delivering services to PUI and patients who are COVID positive as you become aware.

Please direct all questions concerning the crisis plan to Laura.Garcia@illinois.gov or to the SUPR Help Desk at DoITSUPRHelp@illinois.gov. You are also encouraged to monitor the IDHS/SUPR website at <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=12340> for frequent updates.

Thank you for your continued commitment to serving our most vulnerable patients/residents during this very challenging time.

Sincerely,

Danielle L. Kirby
Director