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To: Community Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Agencies
From: Mary Shelton, Director of Behavioral Health Operations
Date: June 25, 2020
Subject: UPDATE Request to CMS for Targeted Payments to CMHCs/SUDs

On May 6, 2020, TennCare submitted an application to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for approval to provide additional funds to assist mental health and substance use providers during the COVID-19 public health crisis.

We are excited to announce that CMS has approved this application.

TennCare is working with our contracted Managed Care Organizations to determine the exact Targeted Payments for each CMHC and SUD. We are hopeful that the payments will be made by no later than August 15, 2020.

Thank you for continuing to provide quality treatment and services to the TennCare members and Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (TDMHSAS) clients living with mental illness and substance use disorder. We are thankful to your staff for their dedication during this public health crisis.

You can also find additional information regarding TennCare's and TDMHSAS' response during this emergency period by visiting:

<https://www.tn.gov/tenncare/information-statistics/tenncare-information-about-coronavirus.html>.

<https://www.tn.gov/behavioral-health/covid19.html>

Again, thank you and your staff for serving the TennCare members and TDMHSAS clients.

Thank you,
Mary