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Attention: Home Health, Home Care and Waiver Service Providers, Behavioral Health Clinicians, Behavioral Health Clinics, Residential Detoxification Treatment Facilities, Private Residential Treatment Facilities, Methadone Clinics and Chronic Disease Hospitals

Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Provider Support

In accordance with Governor Lamont's Executive Order No. 7EEE, Section 1, and Section 17b-11 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Department of Social Services (DSS) will make Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) grant payments to the following specified categories of providers that (1) are enrolled in good standing in the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) and (2) meet all applicable requirements:

- Home health, home care and waiver service providers
- Behavioral health clinicians, behavioral health clinics, residential detoxification treatment facilities, private residential treatment facilities, and methadone clinics
- Chronic disease hospitals

On behalf of DSS, DXC Technology will support this effort through the CMAP secure web portal. More details on this process will follow shortly.

Providers who at any time in 2020 apply for or receive a loan from the federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) must: (1) ensure that no CRF payments will be used to cover costs that the provider has reported or anticipates reporting on a PPP loan forgiveness application and (2) reduce their CRF payment request(s) accordingly. CRF payments may be used only for specific documented costs and expenses incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, consistent with federal law and guidance,¹ but excluding general costs such as business interruption related to COVID-19 closures, even if those general costs are federally allowable.

Providers must keep documentation of COVID-19 costs. Each provider that will receive total CRF payment(s) of \$25,000 or more (i.e., total CRF payments



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to all of the provider's AVRS IDs) must also complete and submit a CRF Payment cost report to DSS. The completed cost report must be received before DSS will process CRF payments and must also document any PPP loan forgiveness received or expected to be received. If actual or expected PPP loan forgiveness payments and CRF payments exceed applicable costs, CRF payments will be reduced or recouped to the full extent necessary to avoid duplicate payments for the same costs. Details on the Cost Report and related requirements will be issued shortly.

In order to enable these payments to be made quickly due to emergency COVID-19 expenses already incurred by providers and to ensure uniformity within each provider category, CRF grant payments are calculated by DSS to approximate the value of a specified percent increase for each category of provider for dates of service from April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020. These amounts were estimated using available paid claims data for a recent timeframe that DSS determined was appropriate for estimating current expenditures.

Additional details regarding CRF payments, including, if applicable, DSS Standards for CRF Payments, will be made available shortly.

¹ Federal Guidance and supplementary Frequently Asked Questions related to the use of CRF funds are posted to the following links, and may be updated periodically: <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Coronavirus-Relief-Fund-Guidance-for-State-Territorial-Local-and-Tribal-Governments.pdf>; and <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Coronavirus-Relief-Fund-Frequently-Asked-Questions.pdf>.