



## **Reopen Medical Model Adult Day Health Care Programs**

### **Continued Closure of ADHC Negatively Impacts Registrant Health and Families**

#### **REOPEN MEDICAL MODEL ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS**

ADHC programs were instructed to close March 17, 2020. Since then, individuals across the State have gone without personal care, therapies and skilled nursing services that cannot be adequately covered through telehealth services. This has resulted in a spike in preventable hospitalizations, nursing home admissions and decompensation of member health and hygiene.

ADHC programs serve a large population of individuals diagnosed with severe and chronic mental illness, one of the populations most at risk for physical and mental health complications due to prolonged isolation. ADHC programs must reopen to address the mental health crisis that has resulted from months of isolation.

In addition, for members who have been fortunate to have help from family or caregivers during the last year, those family members and caregivers are returning to work and are unable to find alternative arrangements.

ADHC remains the **ONLY** health care entity unable to provide in-person services.

**REQUEST: Immediately reopen ADHC for in-person services.**

#### **RESTORE THE 1% ACROSS-THE-BOARD REDUCTION TO MEDICAID PAYMENTS**

The Governor's proposed budget eliminates positive Medicaid inflation trend factors for another two years. It also continues to eliminate Cost of Living (COLA) adjustments. Again, this is compounded by stagnant reimbursement rates that have not changed for adult day health care providers since 2009.

**REQUEST: Restore Medicaid cuts, COLAs and trend factors for ADHC providers.**

#### **EXPANSION AND ADEQUATE REIMBURSEMENT OF TELEHEALTH**

Adult Day Health Care Council commends the Executive for its proposed expansion of telehealth delivery of services. ADHC providers are ideal providers of telehealth services as part of post-acute care team ensuring fewer hospitalization and readmissions. Many ADHC providers developed telehealth programs during COVID-19 and will continue to provide telehealth when in-person services resume. ADHC providers deserve parity with other providers for reimbursement and insurance coverage of these services.

**REQUEST: Support telehealth initiatives with proper reimbursement and an eye on ensuring patient care standards are upheld.**

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