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To Community Hospitals with Psychiatric Units:

On March 14, 2020, the Illinois Department of Human Services/Division of Mental Health (IDHS/DMH) announced a temporary hold on admission to three of our State Operated Psychiatric Hospitals (SOPHs), and offered payment to community hospitals that admitted patients who would have otherwise been referred to one of those three SOPHs who had no source of funding to pay for that admission.

Effective immediately, the temporary hold on admissions will be lifted, and all six DMH hospitals will be taking admissions. If you are currently caring for an individual admitted prior to the resumption of admissions by one of the three SOPHs, and you have already been approved to bill DMH for that admission, you will be able to continue to submit your bill for that individual until they are appropriate for discharge.

Thank you for your partnership during this difficult time.

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