

Illinois Department of Human Services

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IDHS/DMH issued a communication alert on March 14, 2020 in which we asked for your support and assistance in providing care for uninsured individuals who would have otherwise been referred to Chicago Read Mental Health Center, Elgin Mental Health Center, and McFarland Mental Health Center. We will be reimbursing providers \$1,000 per day for treatment of these individuals. While we expect this situation will be resolved in the next three weeks, you will be expected to care for individuals and will be paid the \$1,000 per day until they are appropriate for discharge.

If a community hospital admits a patient because of the inability of the State Operated Psychiatric Hospital (SOPH) to accept the individual, a Purchase of Care Agreement must be initiated by the admitting hospital. PCA eligibility will include any uninsured patients presenting to a community hospital within one of the regions of the three SOPHs currently diverting care. Community hospitals may begin inpatient treatment prior to agreement initiation presuming eligibility if the above factors are met, to ensure care continuity. The following information must be sent via email to <u>Shanna.Frank@illinois.gov</u>: Community Hospital Provider Name FEIN Contact Name, Phone#, and Email Address Client Billing Account#

Date and Time Client is Admitted

Ms. Frank will then initiate the agreement for the hospital.

In order for payment to be processed, the Community Hospital Provider must submit an invoice for each client's entire length of stay via encrypted email to Mark Hayward at <u>DHS.DMHFiscalInvoices@illinois.gov</u>. The invoice must contain the following information: Client Billing Account# Dates and times of admit and discharge DMH Contract # Amount @ \$1,000 per day per client

If you have any questions or difficulties with this process, please contact Shanna.Frank@illinois.gov. Thank you for your partnership in serving individuals with mental illnesses.

Sincerely David Albert, PhD Director, IDHS/DMH



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