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EVENT: COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- I. Commission Briefing on COVID-19 Preparedness Efforts: ([Click Here](#))**
- II. Provision of Day Services for Individuals Receiving Residential Habilitation:**
DDSN anticipates receiving SCDHHS support and CMS approval to serve individuals from closed day programs in alternate settings, which may be billed to Medicaid. As a result, people who receive both residential and day services from the same provider can continue to receive day services even during this closure. All DDSN providers who serve individuals in both residential and day services are strongly encouraged to provide day services in the residential setting or other small group locations. Staff should document services as normal through Therap and DSAL. Serving consumers in their residential settings during this state of emergency benefits those receiving services and generates Medicaid revenues for the DDSN service delivery system.
- III. Reporting of Infectious Diseases: ([Click Here for List of Reportable Conditions](#))**
Both ICF and CRCF licensing regulations state that all cases of reportable diseases, such as epidemic outbreaks that threaten the health and safety of clients and staff, shall be reported according to Regulation 61-20, Communicable Diseases. ***Regulation 61-20 would cover all reporting entities, not just ICFs and CRCFs.*** The link above directs you to the list of 2020 Reportable Conditions and the instructions for reporting. *Of course COVID-19 is not listed as it wasn't known, but it would be reported in this same manner.*
- IV. HR 6201 "Families First Coronavirus Response Act":**
HR 6201 was signed into law by President Trump on March 18th. The provisions within the law go into effect on April 2nd. The law requires that certain covered employers not only adhere to the provisions in the law, but such employers are required to provide notice to their employees through postings and policies. This new law addresses certain expansions and revisions to the existing Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA). Additionally, it adds paid sick leave for certain employees for covered employers as defined by the Act. There tax credits (offsets) provided in the Act to assist employers with cash flowing this benefit. **It is imperative that each of you seek legal and/or tax advice from your advisors.**
[\(Click here to access HR 6201\)](#)

- V. **COVID-19 Education Resource:**
Plain Language Video and Captioned
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MJ8eeC-tVD4&feature=youtu.be>
- VI. **CMS Outreach & Education:** [\(Click Here\)](#)
- VII. **Frequently Asked Questions:** [\(Click Here\)](#)