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Good morning Chris,

My name is Paul Krupski and I am the Director of Opioid Initiatives at the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). I noticed on the agenda for the upcoming Milwaukee City-County Heroin, Opioid and Cocaine Task Force Meeting on February 14th, there is an agenda item for "Discussion on proposed Medicaid regulations for reimbursement of residential treatment services for SUDs". I wanted to reach out to you in hopes you could share the most up-to-date- information on this issue with Task Force members.

As a result of the extensive feedback we received from stakeholders, DHS is delaying the implementation of the residential facility substance use disorder treatment benefit, which was previously slated to take effect February 1, 2020. All other benefits related to substance use disorder remain available and can be utilized as appropriate.

DHS will be conducting more research and outreach to develop a benefit and rate structure that meets members' needs and ensures a strong system of care. We recognize that the proposal we initially put forth needs to be adjusted, and appreciate the input we've received thus far.

Over the coming weeks, DHS will be soliciting further feedback from stakeholder groups including counties, tribes, provider associations, and community partners to collaborate on how to best implement this new benefit. DHS recognizes that access to these services is critically important, and is committed to working with members, providers, counties, and tribes to support and enhance access to behavioral health services.

We do not yet have an updated timeline for implementation, but will continue to update you as DHS' work moves forward. We have established a [new page](#) on our website where we plan to share information.

Also, DHS will be hosting an [online listening session](#) on January 29, 2020, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. to provide more information and answer questions. DHS also released a [policy update](#) for providers (also attached). If you would like to receive email updates from DHS on the residential facility substance use disorder treatment benefit, sign up for the [Medicaid Behavior Health Services](#) email list. If you would like to submit feedback at any time, please send an email to DHSWisconsin115CLAWaiver@dhs.wisconsin.gov.

Thank you for your partnership in this work.

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