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Dear DMHAS Substance Use Disorder Provider:

As you recall, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) provided funding to community providers from September through December of 2020 under the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund. I am pleased to announce that in connection with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), DMHAS will be able to provide *additional* funding under a supplemental COVID-19 award related to the Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG).

The objective of this program (“**DMHAS SABG COVID 19 Supplemental Reimbursement Program**”, or **DSCOVRS**), is to further assist non-profit, contracted Substance Use Disorder (SUD) providers with funding for expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the DMHAS will reimburse providers for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and certain Information Technology (IT) expenditures that will help providers meet the challenges related to client treatment brought on by the pandemic. Eligible expenditures must have an invoice/purchase date between October 15, 2021, and February 1, 2023.

With respect to PPE, the DSCOVRS program will reimburse for masks, face shields, gloves and goggles used in facilities where DMHAS-contracted services are provided. With respect to the IT-related expenses, reimbursable items include, but are not necessarily limited to: improved internet services, video conferencing, hardware and software and Wi-Fi services. Please see the attached Guidance Document for more details. **Note: expenses related to electronic health records are not permitted.**

At this time, providers are limited to an **overall maximum reimbursement** of \$20,000 for **each** program “bucket,” i.e., PPE and IT.

The submission process for this program will be similar to the one implemented for the CRF program last year. Please refer to the attached Guidance Document for additional information on this, as well as general program parameters. As noted above, all expenses have to be incurred by February 1, 2023 and providers will have until **March 1, 2023** to submit the requests for reimbursement.

All eligible providers will need to request new login credentials for their staff who will be submitting documents through the Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) site. Please use this web-based form to request unique login credentials: <https://dmhas.dhs.state.nj.us/events/sabgcrf/register.aspx>.

Additional information is provided in the accompanying Guidance Document. Please email questions you may have on this initiative, to [DMHAS-SABG.CovidReimburse@dhs.nj.gov](mailto:DMHAS-SABG.CovidReimburse@dhs.nj.gov).

Thank you for your continued partnership in delivering vital services to the citizens of New Jersey.

Sincerely,

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