

Medical Assistance Advisory Committee Meeting

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Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
Dr. Dale Adair, Chief Psychiatric Officer
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- OMHSAS has been exploring options to increase rates in response to the costs associated with implementing ASAM for the past 2 months.
- While we do not yet have a full solution or plan to share, we want you to know that we have heard you and these discussions have been, and continue to be, underway.

- Pa. Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs sent a notification regarding the temporary regulation waivers issued during the disaster declaration, referencing that the end of the state emergency declaration may also mean the end of the many regulatory suspensions that have been in effect during this time.
- The letter used telemedicine as an example, and understandably this has created significant confusion and concern among the providers licensed by OMHSAS.
- Some of the telehealth flexibilities may indeed end with the emergency declaration, and OMHSAS has the ability to allow the use and reimbursement of telehealth for the delivery of many services beyond the public health emergency.
- OMHSAS is continuing to prepare the Pa Behavioral Health – Telehealth Bulletin for release and public comment.

- Awarded 9-8-8 Planning Implementation Grant
- Planning Process Teams
 - Project Team
 - Operations Team
 - Advocacy Coalition
 - Advisory Board
- 9-8-8 Legislation is currently being drafted

QUESTIONS

