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March 27, 2020

Dear Screening Service Director,

As a result of the ongoing public health emergency related to the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19), the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) acknowledges that your programs may use telemedicine to perform telescreening evaluations and telepsychiatry evaluations for the duration of the public health emergency. To assist your agency, DMHAS is providing the attached guidance and attestation to assist in moving your agencies to telehealth expeditiously in line with the New Telehealth/Telemedicine Law, P.L. 2017 c. 117 and P.L. 2020 c.3.

The minimal implementation criteria are addressed in the guidance document and the attestation during this state of emergency. Please review and return the completed attestation to John Verney at john.verney@dhs.nj.gov no later than March 31, 2020.

DMHAS will host a conference call on Monday, March 30th at 1:00 pm to discuss different options that may be helpful as the provider community moves towards telehealth implementation. The Call Number is: 877-411-9748; Access Code 1234719.

Thank you for your continued service of your communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Val Mielke".

Valerie L. Mielke, MSW
Assistant Commissioner