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Date: March 18, 2020
To: Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS) Center Administrators and Program Directors
From: California Department of Aging (CDA) CBAS Branch
Subject: CBAS Center Operations During COVID-19 Outbreak

Purpose

This letter is to share information regarding [Governor Newsom's Executive Order](#) of March 16, 2020, and to inform CBAS providers of CDA's efforts to implement the Governor's order and the implications for CBAS center operations.

Background

On Sunday March 15, 2020, Governor Newsom held a press conference in which he announced that in order to reduce the risks of COVID-19 spread to those most vulnerable, he was directing Californians 65 and older and those with chronic underlying health conditions to remain at home. He emphasized that he is committed to working on innovative new ways to meet the needs of those individuals "sheltering in place." On Monday March 16, 2020, Governor Newsom issued an Executive Order directing the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHSA) to support vulnerable individuals such as seniors and those with chronic underlying health conditions isolated at home by: 1) developing alternatives to community-based services; and 2) leveraging existing programs and service providers.

What CBAS Providers Need to Know

CDA is currently working with representatives from the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), as well as coordinating closely with Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans and the California Association for Adult Day Services (CAADS) to develop a framework for how CBAS providers may be approved to continue providing care for CBAS participants who are most vulnerable and remaining at home. CDA anticipates releasing more detail in the coming days that will allow providers to determine whether they will be willing and able to meet the

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specific service criteria, reimbursement possibilities for such services, and the process for obtaining approval.

Please know that the environment is changing fast and new information is coming daily. As soon as CDA has more specifics to share, we will do so. Meanwhile, to the degree you can, please assist your most vulnerable participants with their needs at home and keep the CBAS Branch informed of any changes to the operational status of your center (e.g., reduction in hours, changes in staffing, closures). Thank you.

Questions

Please contact the CBAS Branch if you have any questions: (916) 419-7545;
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