



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor · Robert R. Neall, Secretary

**To: Adult Medical Day Care Providers (Provider Type 42)**

**From: Robert R. Neall, Secretary**

**Date: March 16, 2020**

**Re: COVID-19 #2: Temporary Closure of Adult Medical Day Care Facilities, Interim Guidance, and Administrative Per Diem Rate**

**NOTE: Please ensure appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this memorandum**

### Background

On March 5, 2020, Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., declared a state of emergency due to disease (“COVID-19”) caused by the novel coronavirus. An outbreak of disease due to COVID-19 first occurred in the Hubei Province, China, in late 2019, and has currently been detected in more than 109 countries, including the United States. COVID-19 is a severe respiratory disease, resulting in illness or death, caused by person-to-person spread of the novel coronavirus.

Commonly reported symptoms of COVID-19 infection include fever, cough, shortness of breath, and pneumonia. While the exact incubation period for this coronavirus has not yet been determined, it is believed that most infected people will develop symptoms 2-14 days after they were exposed. There is no vaccine available for COVID-19. Prevention measures center on frequent hand-washing, covering coughs and sneezes, and separating people who have respiratory symptoms. Treatment for COVID-19, as with any coronavirus infection like the common cold, includes the use of over-the-counter fever-relievers, drinking plenty of fluids and resting at home to help relieve symptoms. Those with more severe symptoms may be hospitalized to provide additional support.

### Temporary Closure of Adult Medical Day Care Facilities

Pursuant to an Emergency Order by Governor Hogan issued on Monday, March 16, 2020, all Adult Medical Day Care (AMDC) facilities are closed until further notice. In the interim, AMDC providers must continue to offer certain services to Medicaid participants. AMDCs will be able to bill Medicaid for an administrative day rate to help ensure continuity of services.

### Services

AMDC providers must continue to provide certain services telephonically to individuals for whom they provide care now. Providers must complete the Daily Care Connection form issued by the Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ). The Department will be working with the AMDC providers over the coming weeks to determine the additional services that must be provided in order to qualify for the administrative day rate.

**Billing for Administrative Per Diem Rate**

AMDC will be permitted to bill for an administrative per diem rate of \$69.90. The administrative per diem rate should be billed by using code W5102. Providers may bill for the administrative per diem on or after Tuesday, March 17, 2020. This rate will be in place until further notice by the Department.

Providers may bill this administrative per diem rate for Medicaid-eligible individuals enrolled in the Medical Adult Day Care as of March 14, 2020 who have been determined to meet the medical adult day care level-of-care criteria as defined in COMAR 10.09.07.