Help share the word! StationMD - FREE TeleHealth Available for Medicaid Waiver Recipients with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

July 30 2020 - Jefferson City , MO — Approximately 15,000 Medicaid Waiver recipients through the **Division of Developmental Disabilities (https://dmh.mo.gov/dev-disabilities)** are eligible and pre-registered to begin using **StationMD (http://www.stationmd.com/)** IMMEDIATELY for any medical concerns. DMH is asking for assistance from the media to create awareness of this program.

StationMD is a FREE telehealth medical service that offers immediate virtual access to high-quality emergency medicine physicians, specifically trained in the care of people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD). The service is available 24-hours a day, 7-days a week to act as an additional resource. Individuals, family members and provider staff are encouraged to call for any medically related concern or question about an individual eligible for the service.

The StationMD service allows physicians to assess an individual, including the ability to check heart and lung sounds through a virtual on-line connection. The program is an addition to the current medical care offered by each individual's primary care physician.

StationMD (http://www.stationmd.com/) telemedicine services are offered at no cost to all Medicaid Waiver recipients through December 31, 2020.

To learn more on the DMH partnership and how to access StationMD, please visit **https://dmh.mo.gov/dev-disabilities/stationMD (https://dmh.mo.gov/dev-disabilities/stationMD)** or **https://www.stationmd.com/modmh/ (https://www.stationmd.com/modmh/)**. You can also contact Wendy Witcig, DMH-Division of DD, **wendy.witcig@dmh.mo.gov (mailto:wendy.witcig@dmh.mo.gov)**.

Proposed 30sx Public Service Announcement:

StationMD is a FREE Telemedicine service for Missouri's Medicaid Waiver individuals with developmental disabilities. The service is available 24 -7 to answer any medical question or concern. In these challenging times, it is critical to provide care from home as much as possible. All doctors are board-certified and specially trained to care for individuals with disabilities. StationMD offers peace of mind in the comfort and safety of home. To learn more go to StationMD.com.

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Governor Parson authorizes $37 Million of CARES Act funding to Mental Health

Significant investments help Missouri's behavioral health and developmental disabilities services.

July 24 2020 - Jefferson City, MO — Mental Health services have changed dramatically due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Many service providers have lost significant revenue due to disruptions in service while incurring substantial additional costs for testing, personal protective equipment (PPE) and overtime. This week Governor Parson made available more than $37 million in CARES Act funding to help behavioral health and developmental disabilities services in five areas.

Approximately $20 million is available for more than 350 Medicaid providers for the Department of Mental Health (DMH) Division Developmental Disabilities. An allocation of $17.6 million is for providers of group home and individualized supported living (ISL) services, and $2.4 million for day habilitation and employment providers.

These funds will help cover losses during the period of March 1 to December 30, 2020. **Qualified providers will receive an application from DMH and must submit it by no later than December 30, 2020. (https://dmh.mo.gov/media/pdf/provider-cares-act-funding)**

Community behavioral healthcare providers, which include mental health and substance use services, will have $10 million available. This funding can help with staffing, technology improvements, enhancing the ability to serve individuals through non-traditional means, and resources for responding to increased crisis calls. Qualified providers will receive instructions from the Division of Behavioral Health on how to apply for these funds.

A third investment is for $3.5 million for an **Integrated Care Telehealth Training Center (/media/pdf/mpca-mo-coalition-center-excellence-proposal)** for both behavioral health services provided by DMH providers as well as primary care services offered by Federally Qualified Healthcare Centers (FQHCs). This is a critical investment to make sure the state's safety net services for individuals with disabilities and low income families is equipped for the new environment of distance learning and audio/visual delivery of services.

The training center will allow both the Missouri Primary Care Association and the Missouri Coalition for Community Behavioral Healthcare to improve care for the nearly 500,000 citizens both systems serve. CARES Act funding will also be supplemented by these two organizations.

An additional $3.2 million is for telemedicine for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. DMH has partnered with StationMD through a contract for telemedicine services offered at no cost to all Medicaid Waiver participants through December 31, 2020. StationMD is available to approximately 15,000 individuals in DMH Waivers around the state. **Find more detailed information on StationMD here. (https://dmh.mo.gov/dev-disabilities/stationMD)**

Lastly, the CARES Act funding will extend the suicide prevention public education efforts. We recognize that COVID-19 has increased depression, anxiety, trauma, grief and other challenges which may lead to suicide and suicide attempts. By investing $620,000 into the current campaign we hope to reach all Missourians with information on resources to suicide prevention and especially citizens in **suicidal crisis (https://www.crisistextline.org/)**.

For more information contact Debra Walker at **debra.walker@dmh.mo.gov (mailto:debra.walker@dmh.mo.gov)** or 573-751-1647.

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Missouri Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) is Internationally Recognized

Two Officers Receive Individual Awards

July 20 2020 - Jefferson City, MO — The Missouri Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Council has received exciting news. Detective Jason Klaus, Missouri CIT Coordinator, was given the **2020 CIT International Coordinator of the Year Award** and Corporal Leann Robertson, with the Rolla Police Department, was named the **2020 CIT International First Responder of the Year!**

The Missouri CIT Council and specific members have been recognized internationally for the past five years.

Det. Jason Klaus – **2020 CIT International Coordinator of the Year**

Det. Klaus is with the Perry County Sheriff's Department and was chosen for his strong leadership of the Missouri CIT Council. He has done a tremendous job of helping CIT thrive and expand throughout the state. He does an excellent job of engaging with different levels of support and promotes CIT well beyond the trainings. He encourages fellow law enforcement officers to become CIT specialists.