COVID-19 Long Term Care Stabilization Program

Many of you have called to inquire about the Governor’s program to provide a stipend to direct care employees. I hope to be able to answer some of your questions with the most up-to-date information we have.

In response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the Governor has established the COVID19 Long-Term Care Stabilization Program to help stabilize front line work of certain Medicaid providers that is not able to be conducted remotely. The program will provide temporary stabilization funding to incentivize front line, direct care workers to remain or rejoin this critical workforce during the COVID-19 Emergency. The program will help ensure that these critical providers who support some of New Hampshire’s most vulnerable persons are able to provide continued services throughout the COVID-19 Emergency.

Stabilization Funding

NHES will distribute $300 per week in stipends to full-time, qualifying frontline workers and $150 per week in stipends to part time qualifying frontline workers from the Federal stimulus funds. These amounts are intended to be similar to planned increases in subsequent payments to qualifying Medicaid providers designed to support qualifying frontline workers through the State’s Medicaid program.

A full-time worker is an individual who works for 30 hours or more a week for an individual employer. For the purposes of this program, an individual is considered part-time if he or she works less than 30 hours a week. A minimum of eight (8) hours per week is required for an individual to be eligible for the part-time stipend. An individual may not receive more than a total of $300 per week in stipends, even if that individual providers qualifying services for more than two Qualified Medicaid Providers.

Program Duration

This is a short-term program intended to provide financial support as quickly as possible. The overall program will end on June 30, 2020.

GSIL has submitted an application to New Hampshire Employment Security is currently awaiting approval and acceptance into this program. As we receive additional information, we will be sure to communicate it to all.

Please make sure to wear your mask, wash your hands and stay 6 feet apart from others. Be safe and stay healthy!

Cheryl and Linda