

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Ginny Lyons, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Welfare
Senator Philip Baruth, Chair, Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Laurel Omland, Director, Child, Adolescent & Family Unit, Vermont Department
of Mental Health

DATE: April 29, 2020

SUBJECT: Update on Success Beyond Six Emergency Case Rate

As a follow-up to testimony provided on April 2nd, 2020 about Success Beyond Six school mental health services, the Department of Mental Health (DMH) would like to inform the Senate Education and Health & Welfare committees that the temporary monthly case rate for the Behavioral Intervention (BI) Program was established in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

The Department of Mental Health worked with the Department of Vermont Health Access to use an expedited review process for this to be finalized with the necessary public notice and system changes. This case rate is retroactive to March 1st and will end on June 30th. This allows the anticipated Success Beyond Six Behavioral Intervention funds to continue to flow to the Designated Agencies, recognizing that the delivery of service has significantly changed due to COVID-19 and with the goal to support continued services and staff retention.

Additionally, DMH provided an advanced payment for March and April for Success Beyond Six to support the Designated Agencies financial needs related to COVID-19. The actual March and April Success Beyond Six billings will be automatically recouped against this advance until the advance has been exhausted.

Sincerely,

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