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Alaska Medicaid Provider Message

Public Health Emergency Extended October 13, 2022

Today Secretary of Health and Human Services, Xavier Becerra, declared under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act that a public health emergency exists nationwide, and a renewal of the declaration is effective October 13, 2022.

The Division of Behavioral Health will continue to provide the following flexibilities related to the declaration of the public health emergency:

- DBH Expanded Telehealth Services v1.3
- DBH Guidance 6 Service Authorizations
- DBH Guidance 5 v1.2 PRTF and Residential
 - *acute psychiatric hospitals and PRTFs must continue to enter utilization review (UR) notes into the Comagine JIVA system and submit critical incident reports

For questions regarding this information, please contact mpassunit@alaska.gov