

Dear Medicaid Provider:

The Department of Health in conjunction the Office of Mental Hygiene and Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services have developed the attached survey collection tool (survey) to gather costs and statistical information from providers who were impacted by Hurricane Sandy. The information collected in this survey will provide us with an estimate of costs and damage related to healthcare providers due to Hurricane Sandy as well as assist in developing reimbursement policies which is dependent upon agreement with CMS. We are requesting completed surveys be returned to the Department of Health by Friday, December 14, 2012.

The survey is designed to collect a broad spectrum of information from the health care providers and should be completed with the best information available at the time of the completion. We fully understand that not all costs or reimbursements may be known at this time but request your best estimated for this survey. It should be noted that the completion of this survey does not take the place of any filings or data requests related to FEMA, SBA, insurance or other requests for public assistance. Providers should continue to complete those processes as required. Data from this survey may be shared with FEMA representatives to assist in the processing of formal requests for public assistance.

When completing this survey, if your facility (entity) operates services that are regulated by multiple agencies (DOH, OMH, OASAS) please only complete one survey for your entire entity and note that in the note pad section of the survey collection tool.

Please read the instructions for the survey in their entirety to be sure the data being provided meets the purpose of the requested information. In addition to this letter and survey, we are conducting Webinars this week for your specific provider category (see separate communication (email) sent on December 3rd providing the date, time and registration procedures). We are requesting that the completed surveys be returned to BPACR@health.state.ny.us with Hurricane Sandy Survey in the subject line no later than close of business December 14, 2012.

Should you have any questions please contact the following as appropriate:

- Article 28 hospital and clinic providers with or without Article 32 (OASAS) and Article 31 (OMH) services should send questions to BPACR@health.state.ny.us
- Article 28 Nursing homes, Home Health Agencies, Long Term Home Health Care Programs should send questions to nfrates@health.state.ny.us
- Article 32 (OASAS) only providers should send questions to HealthcareFinancing@oasas.ny.gov
- Article 31 (OMH) only providers should send questions to hurricanesandyresources@omh.ny.gov

Your assistance with this survey is greatly appreciated and critical to assessing the overall effects of Hurricane Sandy on the health care community.

Sincerely

Office of Health Insurance Programs
Office of Mental Health
Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services