

April 13, 2020

Dear Disability Service Providers:

On Friday, April 10, 2020, the Chief Medical Officer of Health signed the attached Record of Decision – CMOH Order 10-2020 regarding COVID-19 and licensed supportive living, long-term care and residential addiction treatment service providers.

- **This order is intended for Designated Supported Living facilities that have contracts with Alberta Health Services.**
- **A Designated Supportive Living (DSL) Accommodation Facility** is a supportive living facility that is licensed under the *Supportive Living and Accommodation Licensing Act* (SLALA) that also has a service contract with Alberta Health Services (AHS).
 - There may be a few PDD group homes that fall within this definition.
 - If you operate a PDD Group Home that falls under SLALA and this home provides contracted services for AHS then this order applies to you.
- **A Licensed Supportive Living Accommodation (LSL) Facility** is a supportive living facility that is licensed under the *Supportive Living and Accommodation Licensing Act* (SLALA).
 - The majority of PDD group homes that fall under SLALA fall within this definition as they do not have service contracts with AHS.

Restricted staff movement between facilities:

- If you operate a PDD group home licensed under SLALA and provides contracted services for Alberta Health Services (DSL Facility) then this Order requires you to restrict staff movement between sites regardless of COVID-19 outbreak status.
 - You will need to read the attached carefully and direct any questions you have to your AHS contract manager.
 - Please note that this portion of the order comes into effect on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 and the CMOH has given until Thursday, April 23, 2020 to implement associated work practice requirements.
- If you operate a PDD group home licensed under SLALA that does not provide contracted services for Alberta Health Services (LSL Facility) you need to restrict staff movement between sites only if any of your sites have a suspected, probable or confirmed COVID-19 outbreak.

Community and Social Services continues to work closely with the department of Health on issues that impact CSS programs and services. Additionally, we are working with ACDS, the PDD Service Provider Partnership Committee, Inclusion Alberta, Alberta Self-Advocate organizations, the chair of the Provincial Parents Advisory Council (PPAC), Alberta's Disabilities Advocate, the chair of the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, regional PDD service provider networks, and provincial Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) networks to stay informed about the impact COVID-19 is having on disability service providers and Alberta's disability sector.

We continue to ask all service providers to track COVID-19 related costs, and to contact your regional Community and Social Services contract manager if you have questions about your contract or funding.

Sincerely,

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