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Dear Provider:

Thank you for your continued efforts to deliver mental health and substance use disorder treatment services to some of the most vulnerable individuals in our State.

The Murphy Administration is committed to ensuring that high quality health care services are available, accessible, and affordable. To that end, we are taking action to address an area of concern raised by numerous mental health and substance use treatment stakeholders in the provider, advocacy and services community. We have heard the concerns that have been raised about current reimbursement rates for Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation without Medical Service (90791) and Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation with Medical Services (90792). Our review of the data and claims finds that these concerns are valid and adjustments are necessary. As such, effective April 1, 2019, the current Medicaid rate of \$157.94 for CPT code 90791 will increase to \$167.21. Additionally, the current Medicaid rate of \$325 for CPT 90792 will increase to \$438.17. Further, effective April 1, 2019, state rates for these services will increase to ninety percent of the Medicaid rate. The Governor's State Fiscal Year 2020 proposed budget continues these rate increases.

The Department remains committed to ongoing dialogue with the community as we continue to advance the fee-for-service payment model. The Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) is providing customer service and technical support through the NJSAMs and NJMHAPP ticket management systems. Biweekly webinars, program-specific focus groups, and on-site provider monitoring visits are ongoing. These efforts are focused on encouraging dialogue, data collection and informed decision-making.

The Department looks forward to continuing to work with you to achieve the best possible outcomes for individuals with behavioral health conditions. If you have any questions or concerns, please email or call Valerie Mielke at DMHAS@dhs.nj.gov or 609-438-4352.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carole Johnson", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Carole Johnson
Commissioner

c: Valerie Mielke