

# DHS Updates for WCHSA Executive Board Meeting October 6, 2016

## **DHS Office of the Secretary**

### **DHS Issues Public Health Advisory on Opioid Crisis**

#### **Governor Scott Walker launches Task Force to address the use and abuse of heroin and prescription opioids**

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services' (DHS) State Health Officer has issued a [Public Health Advisory](#), in response to the use and abuse of opioids, including heroin and prescription painkillers.

## **Division of Care and Treatment Services (DCTS)**

### **[DCTS Numbered Memo 2016-11](#)**

#### **Rate Information for Billing for Services Provided by the Mental Health Institutes**

The October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2017, average daily inpatient rate for adult services for Mendota Mental Health Institute and Winnebago Mental Health Institute, the daily rates for child/adolescent services and geropsychiatric services, and the emergency detention and non-typical services add-ons will remain unchanged from the existing rates.

## **Division of Long Term Care (DLTC)**

### **[DLTC Numbered Memo 2016-03](#)**

#### **Social Services Block Grant – 2017 Eligibility Requirements**

This memo states the eligibility categories and standards for the 2017 Social Services Block Grant. It supersedes Memo Series DLTC 2015-05/Action and DSP Memo Series 2015-04.

## **Children's Long Term-Support (CLTS) County Waiver Program Allocations**

Please click the following link to download a list of the initial CY 2017 CLTS waiver program allocations: <https://connect.wisconsin.gov/cltsdocs/> Please direct your questions related to the CY 2017 CLTS allocations and methodology to [DHSCLTSFiscal@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DHSCLTSFiscal@wisconsin.gov)

Thank you for your work in serving Wisconsin children with long-term support needs! We look forward to continuing to support your CLTS program operations.

## **Division of Health Care Access and Accountability (DHCAA)**

### **[DHS Announces New Medicaid Director, Administrator of Division of Health Care Access and Accountability](#)**

*DHS News Release September 20, 2016 Jennifer Miller*

Michael Heifetz will serve as the new Medicaid Director for DHS. He will be replacing Kevin Moore, who is pursuing opportunities in the private sector. Heifetz will bring extensive experience in budget, finance, and health care. He will begin this new role on October 3.

## **Division of Quality Assurance (DQA)**

### **Noncertified Individuals in Delivery of Non-Hands-On Services**

Healthcare providers across the state continue to report difficulty in hiring and retaining certified nurse aides. In recognition of this situation, the Department has updated and is redistributing a list of tasks that can be performed by noncertified individuals, such as volunteers, helpers, or hospitality aides, to reduce the workload of certified nurse aides and

## DHS Updates for WCHSA Executive Board Meeting October 6, 2016

give them more time for direct resident care. These tasks, which do not involve direct resident care, can be performed by individuals who are not certified as nurse aides.

[DQA Publication P-01559](#), Noncertified Individuals in Delivery of Non-Hands-On Services, itemizes the tasks that a noncertified individual can perform in a nursing home.

Please contact the Division of Quality Assurance, Office of Caregiver Quality at [DHSCaregiverIntake@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DHSCaregiverIntake@wisconsin.gov) or 608-261-8328 if you have any questions.