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Status of PWDP and Virtual Care Code

The Department of Health and Community Services has still not communicated with the NLMA on the end date of the Pandemic Workplace Disruption Policy and the Virtual Care Code despite multiple requests for clarification,.

Fee for service physicians deserve timely and complete information on which to plan their practices, manage cash flow, advise their employees, and pay bills.

Both programs state that they will terminate on July 1 or “such time the Department of Health and Community Services deems pandemic health care delivery no longer necessary.” Given the slow pace of return to normal levels of services, the need to preserve Covid response capacity in hospitals, the low reserves of PPE, and other factors, we fully expect the two programs will continue past July 1st.

However, this cannot be guaranteed until the Department provides appropriate clarification to doctors.

We will keep you advised as soon as there is information to share.

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