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Bcc'd to all BHS Contracted Service Providers

Hello Contracted Providers,

We thank you for all of your hard work and flexibility in delivering care to our community in these ever-changing times. Please see the question and answer below regarding whether new Public Health Order mandates apply to Short Term Residential Treatment Programs (STRTP).

Q: Does the [BHIN 21-043](#) apply to the BHS contracted component only (mental health treatment program providing services as a part of the STRTP); or both the CWS CDSS contract and the BHS contract in the STRTP; or neither parts of the STRTP facility due to the physical facility being licensed by CDSS?

A: The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) communicated on the [All BH Provider Call](#) on August 4, 2021 that **Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTP) are not included in the State Public Health (PH) order, and confirmed jointly with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) that BHIN 21-043 does not apply to STRTPs.** CDSS further relayed that they are planning on releasing a Provider Information Notice (PIN) that mirrors the PH order, but as a recommendation not a mandate. BHS recommends that facilities licensed by CDSS be on the lookout for this PIN. BHS will also share any information as it is received.

DHCS All Provider Weekly Updates are available here:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/BH-All-Provider-Weekly-Updates.aspx>.

CDSS Provider Information Notices (PIN) may be accessed here:

<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/community-care-licensing/policy/provider-information-notices>

Thank you again for all you do to serve our communities. Please reach out to your COR for further questions.