



March 17, 2020

Dear Behavior and Therapy Network Providers,

As information surrounding the coronavirus (COVID-19) has evolved over the weekend and based on recommendations for social distancing during this time, Easterseals Southern California has decided to suspend its Autism Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapies, and In-Home ABA and Social Skills Services. These program suspensions will start Monday, March 16th through Friday, March 27th, 2020. As we approach March 27th, 2020, we will re-evaluate the status of COVID-19 and determine next steps. We have heard that many of our network providers are taking the same precautions and encourage you to do the same.

During this time of uncertainty, when students are home from school and community members are being asked to stay home, we understand that routines are being broken potentially resulting in an intensity of behaviors. As a result, the need for our services may increase. It is our commitment to continue to provide some level of support during this time while taking precautions for our service providers. On Wednesday, March 18th, 2020 we will be launching our telehealth services.

Kaiser Permanente has given permission for use of telehealth at this time. Attached, please find Kaiser Permanente's Video Visit Language Policy. Also attached, please find documents that Easterseals will be using to support our telehealth implementation. If upon review, you have questions, please contact providernetworkinfo@essc.org

We are moving swiftly to gather information, plan, and respond to the quickly changing environment. We will work hard to stay on top of things, answer your questions and to communicate to our network of providers.

Thank you for your understanding and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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