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Hello Everyone,

WV Birth to Three is aware that after we issued our TA Bulletin yesterday, the federal government issued new guidance on HIPAA compliant communication. WVBTT has revised the TA Bulletin.

We have also had a bit more time to discuss doing initial evaluations/assessments face to face. We have decided to move initial evaluations/assessment to virtual meetings also. So please read that section carefully - this means there will be no face to face visits in WV Birth to Three.

Also, we now will allow professionals to use phone or HIPAA compliant communication software to communicate with families. There is some guidance about potential communication packages and some guidance on packages that are not acceptable.

We have revised the TA Bulletin to include just a bit more guidance on the role of professionals to explain their chosen communication option to families and to obtain consent from families.

So please take a minute and review the revised TA Bulletin at this link:

http://www.wvdhhr.org/birth23/tabulletins/tab_Temporary_Emergency_Policy_WVBTT_Services_Steps_Safety_During_COVID19_Outbreak.pdf

You can copy and paste this link - or go to the TA Bulletins on the WV Birth to Three website.

You will also find the Notice/Consent posted at this link:

http://www.wvdhhr.org/birth23/sdform/Notice_Consent_Virtual_Services_COVID_19.pdf

Please read through these and let us know what additional questions you may have. We are working on an ongoing Q and A so your questions are helpful.

Thank you very much!

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