



March 16, 2020

To: IL Home Nursing Agencies providing services for children in the DSCC Home Care Program
Re: Guidance during COVID-19 Pandemic

To Whom It May Concern,

The outbreak of COVID-19 is causing many of us to adjust our normal business practices to protect both our staff and the vulnerable patient population we serve. DSCC is recommending home nursing agencies suspend **in-person** 60-day supervision visits until further notice. We have shared this guidance with HFS and IDPH. Supervision visits should only be considered to be done in-person on a case by case basis, only when there is a concern about health or safety that would be best evaluating in-person.

We need to all work together to try to avoid any interruptions in care of those we serve. It is possible that as this crisis continues, we may see delays in the approval of 2352's. We ask that no nursing agency stop services if a 2352 were to expire during this critical time.

DSCC has also received questions on whether or not a nurse needs to stop working because their CPR certification expires and they can't re-certify until a later date. Please, allow nurses with certifications that expire during this time to continue working. Plans for re-certifying can take place at a later date.

Thank you all for continuing to provide great care, especially during this critical time. If there are additional ways DSCC can support you, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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