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Good morning:

Our MLP update today is short but focuses on three important issues, including new procedures for those seeking relief from intimate partner violence that may be relevant to your practices. Some of the material may be duplicative of other emails, and for that I apologize. Feel free to send us any suggestions or thoughts ... your feedback is sincerely welcome. Please note the advocacy opportunity for front-line clinicians listed below:

- **Schools Will Remain Closed Until at Least May 20** – Per the Governor's press conference on Thursday afternoon and the from the Commissioner of Education, the state's public schools will continue to stay closed through at least May 20.
 - [Please send us your concerns](#) about patients who may not have received appropriate technology to access remote learning, or special education issues that parents have raised. We want to ensure that every child has the opportunity to learn in this difficult environment – though we are well aware of the disparities in educational opportunities that are even more magnified during this crisis.
- **Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) update** – new Court Protective Order procedures and *Safe Connect* online access to safety.

[The Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#) has enhanced its platform for assisting individuals with access to safety for intimate partner victims and survivors by expanding its platform to an *on-line service*. [Safe Connect](#) is the newest gateway for individuals at risk to seek counselors *via phone, text, chat and email*. *Safe Connect* may be accessed [here](#). *Safe Connect* can walk IPV victims and survivors through the new court process which allows for the filing of on-line applications for temporary restraining orders. *Safe Connect* can be reached by phone at (888) 774-2900, 24 hours a day.
(Courtesy DCF & Office Child Advocate)

 - New Restraining order Process: As of April 3, 2020 and per [Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7T](#), p.6, the state's Judicial Branch is implementing a new procedure for the remote filing of temporary restraining orders. The Order temporarily eliminates the requirement that applicants seeking a *temporary restraining order* must swear under oath that the statement is true and eliminates the need for a notary public or other authority to take the applicant's oath, while still legally obligating the applicant to make true statements. More information is available [here](#).
- **Ongoing Advocacy Opportunity – Expand Coverage for Undocumented Children and Families**

Over 220 physicians and front-line medical personnel have signed onto the letter asking Governor Lamont to expand the HUSKY insurance programs to include undocumented children and their families during the COVID-19 crisis. As the surge of patients is upon us, time is of the essence for this "ask" to be approved. If you're a front-line medical provider and have not signed onto the letter, you may do so [here](#) for one additional day.
- And finally, for those healthcare professionals who are interested in reading the amended order extending "Protection from civil liability for actions or omissions in support of the state's COVID-19 response," please see the latest Order from the Governor's office, [here](#) (at #6).

If you have any concerns about your patients' or their families access to public benefits, educational opportunities, or healthcare coverage, please let us know by sending us an [email](#), or giving us a call at one of our MLP locations.

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