

OASAS Questions & Answers (Updated 3.23.20)

1. I'm a new Prevention Director and am wondering what other agencies are doing to keep their prevention staff, who work in the schools that are now closed, busy and productive during this time. We are trying to be creative and figure out ways to use social media, Youtube, etc. to get out the message that we are still here and want to provide support to students and their families. Any ideas are welcome. I would love to hear how others are managing these difficult times. **Reach out to Pat Zuber-Wilson at: Patricia.Zuber-Wilson@oasas.ny.gov**
2. Recent guidance has noted that Medicaid co-pays are waived during the State of Emergency, with specific guidance on billing. Is a Medicaid spend-down considered a 'co-pay' under this guidance? **No**
3. Does the new executive order to reduce workforce by 75% apply to 822 outpatient, or would we be considered an essential business? **ASAP has been advised that all OASAS service providers are considered essential services and are NOT subject to the mandatory workforce restrictions.**