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Subject: SFY 2017 LME-MCO Community Behavioral Health Service Needs, Providers and Gaps Analysis Requirements

This bulletin provides Local Management Entities-Managed Care Organizations (LME-MCOs) with requirements for the SFY 2017 LME-MCO Community Mental Health, Substance Use and Developmental Disabilities Services Needs and Gaps Analysis. The requirements provide a standardized process and reporting format for assessment and analyses in accordance with North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) performance contracts with LME-MCOs.

This bulletin includes:

- Attachment One, "2017 Community Mental Health, Substance Use and Developmental Disabilities Services Needs and Gaps Analysis Requirements for North Carolina LME/MCOs;"
- Attachment Two, "Urban Rural Counties," an Excel spreadsheet of urban and rural county designations. The requirements document references four appendices, two of which are included. Appendix C "Codes for Services by Type" will be provided as soon as possible after consultation with staff of LME-MCOs, the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services (DMH/DD/SAS) and the Division of Medical Assistance (DMA). State staff will arrange a conference call or a webinar specifically to determine codes to be used. Appendix D, "Approved Medicaid and Non-Medicaid 'In Lieu of' Services or Alternative Service Definitions," will be provided as soon as possible.

The deadline for submitting the report is **Monday, May 1, 2017**. Submit reports to DMH/DD/SAS and DMA at ContactDMHQuality@dhhs.nc.gov.

DMH/DD/SAS and DMA staff will jointly review information submitted and provide the LME-MCO with a response within 60 days of the submission date. DHHS will use the information to inform the NC Legislature and public of our progress, challenges, upcoming needs and to guide DHHS identification of future priorities.

Understanding gaps in services at the local and state levels is critical for maintaining effective, viable service systems that balance need with capacity and resources. DMH/DD/SAS and DMA appreciate the time and effort taken to conduct the needs assessment and gaps analyses. Please contact Carol Potter at Carol.Potter@dhhs.nc.gov or 919-733-0696, or Lisa Jackson at Lisa.Jackson@dhhs.nc.gov or 919-855-4383 with any questions.

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