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To: Local Management Entities-Managed Care Organizations (LME-MCOs)

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Subject: SFY 2020 Network Adequacy and Accessibility Analysis Requirements for North Carolina LME-MCOs

This bulletin provides Local Management Entities-Managed Care Organizations (LME-MCOs) with requirements for the SFY 2020 LME-MCO Network Adequacy and Accessibility Analysis, previously called the Gaps and Needs Analysis.

The requirements provide a standardized process and reporting format for assessment and analysis in accordance with North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) performance contracts with LME-MCOs.

Attached to this bulletin is the “2020 Community Mental Health, Substance Use and Developmental Disabilities Services Network Adequacy and Accessibility Analysis Requirements for North Carolina LME/MCOs.” A webinar will be conducted in January 2020, details to follow. Please submit questions you would like answered during the webinar to contactdmhquality@dhhs.nc.gov by Jan. 6, 2020.

The deadline for submitting the report is Wednesday, July 1, 2020. Submit reports to the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services (DMH/DD/SAS) and the Division of Health Benefits (NC Medicaid) at contactdmhquality@dhhs.nc.gov and Medicaid.DHB.LME-MCO.Contracts@dhhs.nc.gov.

DMH/DD/SAS and NC Medicaid staff will jointly review the information submitted and provide the LME-MCO with a written response. DHHS will use the information to inform the NC Legislature and public of our progress, challenges, and upcoming needs and to guide DHHS identification of future priorities.
Understanding network adequacy and accessibility 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 NC Medicaid appreciate the time and effort taken to conduct the needs assessment and gaps analyses. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Bowman at jennifer.bowman@dhhs.nc.gov, or Deb Goda at deborah.goda@dhhs.nc.gov.

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