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October 5, 2023

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: DIRECTORS, CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS, MANAGERS, SUPERVISORS, AND SOCIAL WORKERS

SUBJECT: Survey on Child Welfare Experience with Tailored Care Management (TCM)

REQUIRED ACTION: ____Information Only _X_ Time Sensitive _X_ Immediate

PURPOSE: The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services (NCDSS) is requesting all Local Departments of Social Services Directors to have their child welfare staff providing foster care case management services complete the Medicaid survey titled, *The Survey on Child Welfare Experience with TCM*. This survey will provide information about the coordination of care management services between the LME/MCO's care management staff and child welfare workers providing services to children and youth in foster care.

On April 1, 2023, NC Medicaid launched the NC Medicaid Direct Local Management Entity-Managed Care Organization (LME/MCO) care management program. This new program has detailed requirements for tailored care management coordination with county child welfare workers on behalf of child and youth members in foster care, who are receiving TCM services.

The specialized integrated care management model was designed to meet the needs of a child(ren) with a behavioral health condition, intellectual/developmental disability, or traumatic brain injury. With six months in, NC Medicaid and NCDSS would like to know about the effectiveness of the collaborative relationship between LME-MCOs and Local Departments of Social Services.

For this purpose, NC Medicaid has set up a survey which will be available through November 10, 2023. Data collected from this survey will capture the experiences from the point of view of the county child welfare caseworker since the launch of the Medicaid Direct LME-MCO Tailored Care Management program.

Please encourage your caseworkers to complete the survey by November 10th.

The feedback will help inform future program changes that impact the lives of our youth and families and the level of support child welfare workers receive from our LME/MCO care managers. To access the survey, please click this link (<u>https://gcv.microsoft.us/IHpHGC7oYg</u>) or use the QR code below:

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For technical assistance, questions, and/or if you need additional information regarding this DCDL or the Survey on Child Welfare Experience with TCM, please contact <u>Medicaid.NCEngagement@dhhs.nc.gov</u> and include the email's subject line: Foster Care, or contact Amy Eaton, Children's Health and Development Coordinator at <u>amy.eaton@dhhs.nc.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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