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To Whom It May Concern:

The State of North Carolina developed Transitions to Community Living (TCL, formerly known as TCLI) for adults who live with serious and persistent mental illness. TCL began as an eligibility criteria for adults with serious and persistent mental illness, as identified in the US Department of Justice Settlement, but will become a centerpiece for Tailored Plans moving forward. LME/ MCOs across the state have been providing education by in reach specialists to individuals living in Adult Care Homes and State Psychiatric Hospitals who qualify for the TCL benefits. In-Reach also provides information about community-based options such as the array of services and supports available; the benefits specific to those who are TCL-eligible, including the availability of rental subsidies and tenancy supports; and other assistance that may be needed for an individual to live successfully in the community.

For any of your residents who qualify for TCL and who have a legal guardian, a copy of the court order naming the person as guardian, must be provided to the LME/MCO In-Reach worker, along with the guardians' phone number and mailing address. This is essential in helping to ensure that the guardian is apprised of an upcoming conversation with In Reach, without violating the rights of the individual.

We appreciate your assistance in ensuring that residents that are Medicaid eligible are fully informed about the options available to them for services and living accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Olmstead US Supreme Court decision.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

 Sincerely,

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