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Subject: SFY 2016 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 2016 LME-MCO Community Behavioral Health Service Needs, Providers 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.

Included with this bulletin are the requirements for this year's needs assessment and gaps analysis report and an Excel spreadsheet of urban and rural county designations. The deadline for submitting the report is Friday, April 1, 2016. Submit reports to the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services (DMH/DD/SAS) and the Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) at ContactDMHQuality@dhhs.nc.gov.

DMH/DD/SAS and DMA staff will jointly review the information submitted and provide the LME-MCO with a response within 60 days following the submission date. 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 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.

If you have questions, please contact the DMH/DD/SAS Quality Management Section at ContactDMHQuality@dhhs.nc.gov or (919) 733-0696.

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