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Subject: SFY 2018 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 2018 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 "2018 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 on March 20, 2018** - details to follow. Please submit questions you would like answered during the webinar to ContactDMHQuality@dhhs.nc.gov by March 14, 2018.

The deadline for submitting the report is Friday, September 21, 2018. 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 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 DMA 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 (919) 715-2358 and Tasha Griffin at tasha.griffin@dhhs.nc.gov or (919) 855-4222.

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