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

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Subject: Amendment to Joint Communication Bulletin # J301 – Revised In-At Risk Checklist for Individual
Placement Support (IPS)

This bulletin amends [Joint Communication Bulletin #J301](#), which was distributed August 17, 2018, to provide information on revisions made to the In-At Risk Checklist used by IPS providers to identify individuals who are part of the In-At Risk population.

The revisions are a result of findings from monitoring efforts completed by the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services (DMH/DD/SAS) staff and meant to correct inconsistencies with In-At Risk determinations. The revisions are:

- Unstable housing was removed as an In-At Risk criterion. Homelessness is now defined as unsheltered or residing in a homeless shelter.
- Criminal justice involvement as a result of mental illness was removed as an In-At Risk criterion.

In addition, the criteria in Section II of the In-At Risk checklist were revised for clarity. The procedures and schedule for submitting reports remain in effect as outlined in Joint Communication Bulletin #J301. DMH/DD/SAS will continue to monitor the quality of In-At Risk determinations through desk reviews of In-At Risk checklists and supporting documentation.

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Attachment: Revised TCLI ACH In-At-Risk Checklist

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