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

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Subject: Executive Order No. 97: Protecting Minors from Conversion Therapy

This communication informs LME-MCOs and of a change to the following NC Medicaid behavioral health clinical coverage policies (CCPs) and Division of MH/DD/SAS state-funded service definitions:

Medicaid Clinical Coverage Policies:

- 8A. Enhanced Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
- 8A-1. Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Program
- 8A-2. Facility-Based Crisis Service for Children and Adolescents
- 8A-6. Community Support Team
- 8B. Inpatient Behavioral Health Services
- 8C. Outpatient Behavioral Health Services Provided by Direct-Enrolled Providers
- 8D-1. Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities for Children Under the Age of 21
- 8D-2 Residential Treatment Services

Division of MH/DD/SAS State-Funded Service Definitions:

- 2019 State-Funded Enhanced Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
- State-Funded Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Policy
- State-Funded Facility-Based Crisis-Child
- State-Funded Community Support Team (CST)
- State-Funded DMH/DD/SAS Service Definitions 2003-2019
- State-Funded Peer Support Services
- State-Funded Inpatient Behavioral Health
- State-Funded IPS-Supported Employment
- State-Funded Transition Management Services
- State-Funded Critical Time Intervention (CTI)
- State-Funded Developmental Therapy Services

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Executive Order No. 97: Protecting Minors from Conversion Therapy was issued by Governor Roy Cooper on August 2nd, 2019. The following language was added to the aforementioned CCPs and state-funded service definitions as due diligence in ensuring provider education and compliance:

Note: "North Carolina Medicaid and North Carolina Health Choice will not reimburse for conversion therapy."

AND

"The Division of MH/DD/SAS will not reimburse for conversion therapy"

The updated CCPs and state-funded service definitions will be posted on December 16, 2019.

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Executive Order No. 97 can be accessed at:

https://files.nc.gov/governor/documents/files/EO_97_Protecting_Minors_from_Conversion_Therapy.pdf

NC Medicaid behavioral health clinical coverage policies can be accessed at:

<https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/providers/clinical-coverage-policies/behavioral-health-clinical-coverage-policies>

State-funded service definitions can be accessed at:

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/mhddsas/servicedefinitions>

Previous bulletins can be accessed at: www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/mhddsas/joint-communication-bulletins

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