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

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Subject: **Rescinded** JCB #248 Critical Access Behavioral Health Agencies (CABHAs) Sunsetting,
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The purpose of this article is to rescind [Joint Communication Bulletin #J248, Critical Access Behavioral Health Agencies \(CABHAs\) Sunsetting](#), published on May 16, 2017.

CABHAs were established in 2009 and were governed by temporary administrative rules, [10A NCAC 22P](#) and [General Assembly Session Law 2012-171, Senate Bill 525](#). The temporary administrative rules that governed how CABHAs were certified and decertified and detailed medical service and staffing requirements expired on October 15, 2011. However, CABHA requirements continued under General Assembly Session Law 2012-171, Senate Bill 525 and adherence by the LME-MCOs and existing CABHAs is required by legislation as well as policy.

The [Medicaid State Plan](#) and [clinical coverage policies](#), as well as state-funded service definitions require certain service providers to be certified as a CABHA to be in compliance with legislation. Those services are:

- Intensive In-Home
- Child and Adolescent Day Treatment
- Community Support Team
- Targeted Case Management

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If LME-MCOs need additional CABHAs in their networks, they may inform their contract manager and refer the provider to Mark Grimaldi at mark.grimaldi@dhhs.nc.gov. Providers must meet the rules outlined in Senate Bill 525 to apply to become a CABHA. Applications will be reviewed by DMH and DHB.

If you have any questions, please direct them to June Freeman at June.freeman@dhhs.nc.gov or Saarah Waleed at Saarah.Waleed@dhhs.nc.gov.

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