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SUBJECT: Update regarding Cabarrus, Stanly, Union County Realignment

Effective Sept. 1, 2021, the counties of Cabarrus, Stanly and Union disengaged from Cardinal Innovations LME-MCO and aligned with Partners Behavioral Health Management LME-MCO.

This was done in accordance with the NCGS 122C-115 (a3) and the county disengagement rules. The Department's approval of this transition carefully considered the needs of beneficiaries, potential impact on providers, and the overall impact to the system, given the transition to NC Medicaid Managed Care and implementation of Behavioral Health and Intellectual/Developmental Disability (I/DD) Tailored Plan.

Providers delivering behavioral health services, Medicaid or state funded, to a Cabarrus, Stanly and/or Union County enrollee after Sept. 1, 2021 must be contracted with Partners. This only applies to mental health, substance use disorders, and I/DD services.

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