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To: LME-MCOs

From: Deb Goda, Behavioral Health Unit Manager
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Re: Heightened Scrutiny Resolution

The HCBS team comprised of DHHS staff from the Division of Health Benefits and the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services determined that the following facilities are settings that have the effect of isolating individuals receiving Medicaid HCBS from the broader community of individuals not receiving Medicaid HCBS.

- GHA Autism Supports closed the Community Supported Agricultural (CSA) Program, located at 31736 Herb Farm Circle, Second Street Sundries, Albemarle NC 28001, and transitioned all waiver participants to a licensed day program and surrendered their license to DHSR. This was effective December 2016.

- UNC TEACCH-Carolina Living and Learning Center, located at 325 Russet Run, Pittsboro NC 27312, transitioned all waiver participant from their Day Program during the Heightened Scrutiny Review Process. This was effective October 2018.

- Tammy Lynn Center Site, located at 747 Chappell Drive, Raleigh NC, was notified by the DHHS HCBS Internal Team that this site will not be able to provide any HCBS waiver services. This was effective January 2020.

- Holy Angels suspended day support services at the Morrow Center-Life Choices Day Supports Program located at 6600 Wilkinson Boulevard, Belmont, NC 28012 on September 1, 2020. Holy Angels received notification on October 6, 2020 that HCBS services were unable to be provided at this location until they were able to fully meet HCBS requirements.
The DHHS HCBS Internal Team is currently reviewing the provision of HCBS Supported Employment Services by Holy Angels. Holy Angels has suspended HCBS Supported Employment services on March 8, 2021 and is unable to resume supported employment services without LME-MCO and DHHS HCBS Internal Team approval.

In the future, if any of these sites desire to provide HCBS services, they must be fully HCBS compliant prior to the delivery of any HCBS service. Further, to initiate providing services at any sites noted above, the provider agency must have written approval from the respective LME-MCO and the DHHS HCBS Internal Team.

If you have any further questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact HCBSTransPlan@dhhs.nc.gov.