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Memorandum

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

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Subject: NCDHHS to Continue New Admissions to Adult Day Vocational Programs

On January 20, 2022, a memorandum of understanding between Disability Rights North Carolina, the Center for Public Representation, and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) was announced. Consistent with the settlement, DHHS announced the launch of its Promoting and Expanding Competitive Integrated Employment for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Strategic Plan.

NCDHHS is committed to ensuring that all individuals, regardless of disability status, have the opportunity to work in the community, if they elect to do so. NCDHHS values the principle of full integration and supports the rights of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to choose this pathway.

As part of this settlement agreement, NCDHHS announced its plan to close admissions to Adult Day Vocational Programs (ADVPs) beginning July 1, 2022. Upon feedback from individuals with I/DD, family members, and providers, NCDHHS has decided to continue new admissions to ADVPs at this time. The July 1st new admission closure date will no longer be in effect.

NCDHHS remains committed to advancing competitive integrated employment efforts for all. We will be working closely with all stakeholders as we further refine our efforts to reach this goal.

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