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## **SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

The Honorable Marilyn Avila, Co-Chair Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services North Carolina General Assembly Room 2217, Legislative Building Raleigh, NC 27601 The Honorable Josh Dobson, Co-Chair Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services North Carolina General Assembly Room 301N, Legislative Office Building Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

The Honorable Louis Pate Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services North Carolina General Assembly Room 1028, Legislative Building Raleigh, NC 27601

Dear Representatives Avila and Dobson and Senator Pate:

Section 12F.2.(c) of North Carolina Session Law 2015-241, enacted on September 18, 2015, requires the Department of Health and Human Services ("Department") to modify the monthly reporting package submitted by the LME/MCOs to the Department to include revenues and expenditures for the State single stream funding of intellectual and developmental disability, and substance abuse services on Schedule D2. Additionally, the Department is required to modify appropriate schedules in the LME/MCO monthly reporting package to include unduplicated recipients and encounters in the same level of detail included in each D schedule for each source of funding for the reporting for the current and previous year's month and year to date periods. Further, the Department is also to submit these reports to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services by the third Monday of each month beginning in October 2015.

The Department appreciates and shares the desire for more detailed, consolidated monthly expenditure reports on the part of LME/MCOs for single stream state funds. As such, the Department's Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services (DMHDDSAS), in coordination with the Division of Medical Assistance (DMA), has initiated the process of revising Schedule



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D. This process requires determining all of the possible line items and codes that need to be included on each Schedule D. The current line items and codes will not be exactly the same as those used for Medicaid funds on Schedule D because the LME/MCOs have greater flexibility in their use of state funds.

Revisions to the state funded portion of Schedule D2, and the addition of schedules that show unduplicated recipients of mental health disorders, intellectual and developmental disability, and substance use disorder services took longer than expected, but are now complete and are being distributed to the LME/MCOs. Due to the reporting cycle and the need for LME/MCOs to re-program their financial reporting systems and time required for internal testing and validation, the LME/MCOs should be able to begin reporting the new information in their January reports. We look forward to submitting these more comprehensive, standardized, and detailed reports to the NC General Assembly in February.

Should you have any questions, please contact Courtney Cantrell, Director of the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services at (919) 733-7011.

Sincerely,

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