



Network Operations Communications Bulletin

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To: PBH Contracted Providers

From: Stephan Tomlinson, Director of Network Operations

Re: PBH Plan to Manage Reductions in State Service Funding and Changes in The Medicaid Program

The NC General Assembly made significant reductions in the amount of state funding for programs serving people with mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse conditions. The cuts will affect community services, residential services for children, and state funded services for consumers enrolled in the Innovations Waiver. The Division of Mental Health directed all LMEs to submit a plan for implementation of these budget cuts by October 1. PBH developed a plan and submitted it to the PBH Executive Cabinet and Board of Directors for approval before sending it to DMH. The plans ensure that safety net emergency services will not be frozen, capped or reduced. Other components of the plan exist that we want for you to be aware of. Therefore, I am attaching a copy of the final plans for your review. The plan will also be posted to the PBH website. We know that there are bound to be a lot of questions that we will address at our next meeting on November 13, 2009. Your provider relations managers will respond to any questions that you may have between now and our next meeting.

PBH values the partnership that exists between our LME and our network of contracted providers. We pledge to work collaboratively to meet the needs of our consumers while we implement the plan to manage reductions in state services funding and changes in the Medicaid program.