



Alliance Health

2021 Provider Satisfaction Survey Results

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Using This Report

Results from the Provider Satisfaction Survey of North Carolina providers participating in the 1915(b)/(c) Medicaid Waiver program provides a tool for assessing how well the State and the health plans are meeting providers' expectations and needs. DataStat, Inc., conducted the survey on behalf of North Carolina Medicaid (NC Medicaid) and the Carolinas Center for Medical Excellence (CCME).

This report is designed to allow NC Medicaid and the health plans to identify key opportunities for improving providers' experiences. Provider responses to survey questions are summarized as achievement scores. Responses that indicate a positive experience are labeled as achievements, and an achievement score is computed as the proportion of responses qualifying as achievements. In general, somewhat positive responses are included with positive responses as achievements. For example, a provider response of "Strongly Agree" or "Agree" to the statement "LME/MCO staff respond quickly to provider needs" is considered an achievement, and the achievement score for this question is equal to the proportion of respondents who answered the question with "Strongly Agree" or "Agree". Because achievement scores for survey questions are computed as the proportion of providers who indicate a positive experience, the lower the achievement score, the greater the need for the health plan to improve.

The purpose of the survey is to assess provider perceptions of the six LME/MCOs in North Carolina. The results from this survey allow NC Medicaid to assess the LME/MCOs' ability in the following three areas:

- 1. Interacting with their network providers.
- 2. Providing training and support to their providers.
- 3. Providing Medicaid Waiver materials to help their providers strengthen their practice.

Statistical significance tests are run comparing NC Provider overall scores with the health plan scores. Comparisons are presented in the *Single Items* sections of the report.

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Methodology

The survey drew as potential respondents active providers participating in the 1915(b)/(c) Medicaid Waiver program. Respondents were surveyed in English.

An active provider was defined as a Medicaid Waiver provider that had at least five 1915(b)/(c) Waiver encounters between July 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021. The survey was administered over a six-week period using a web survey protocol. Reminder calls to any non-responding provider offices were also used to encourage providers to participate. Email requests for non-responders to complete the survey went out twice a week during the field period. The reminder calls to non-responding providers' offices began during the third week of the field period and continued until the end of data collection.

Survey Milestones

1 First email request: February 25, 2022 2 Follow-up email requests began: March 4, 2022 3 Reminder calls began: March 18, 2022 4 Data collection terminated: April 8, 2022

Sampling Frame

The six participating health plans contributed a total of 5,974 provider records for inclusion in the survey. A provider record was considered ineligible for the survey if the provider's email address was missing. Duplicate records sharing an email address and provider name were removed, and duplicate email address records were limited to five providers per address, in order to reduce respondent burden and message rejection. After these checks, a final total of 3,934 provider records were included in the survey. Alliance Health provided 1,621 provider records in their provider sample frame. After removing missing email addresses and duplicate records, Alliance Health had 1,466 provider records for inclusion in the survey.

Selection of Cases for Analysis

Surveys were considered complete if a respondent provided a valid response to at least one question in the survey. Completed usable surveys were obtained from 453 Alliance Health providers, and the Alliance Health usable response rate was 33.2%.

Questionnaire

The instrument selected for the survey was provided by NC Medicaid and included 27 questions. A copy of the web survey is included in the appendix of this report.

Definition of Achievement Scores

Provider responses to survey questions are summarized as achievement scores. Responses that indicate a positive experience are labeled as achievements, and an achievement score is computed equal to the proportion of responses qualifying as achievements. In general, somewhat positive responses are included with positive responses as achievements. For example, a provider response of "Strongly Agree" or "Agree" to the statement "LME/MCO staff respond quickly to provider needs" is considered an achievement, and responses of "Extremely Satisfied" or "Satisfied" to the overall satisfaction questions are also considered achievements. Because achievement scores for survey questions are computed as the proportion of providers who indicate a positive experience, the lower the achievement score, the greater the need for the health plan to improve. See the *Responses by Question* section for assignment of achievement responses for each question.

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Definition of Top Box Scores and Hollow Bars

Top Box scoring means only responses that indicate the most positive experience are labeled as achievements. For example a response of "Strongly Agree" to the statement "LME/MCO staff respond quickly to provider needs" is considered an achievement. A response of "Extremely Satisfied" to the overall satisfaction questions is also considered an achievement. Top Box scores are presented as alternate scores throughout this report and are visually displayed in the *Single Items* section as hollow bars.

Weighted Totals

The NC Overall scores presented throughout this report and used for all significance testing are weighted. Weighting for the survey adjusts the NC Overall scores such that each of the six plans is represented in equal proportions in the final set of responses. In the *Responses by Question* section, response frequencies for the NC Overall are weighted data. Although the number of weighted cases for each response option in that section has been scaled to represent as closely as possible the unweighted number of responses, rounding rules and skip patterns may affect some of the totals. The reader is advised to consider the number totals as approximate and to focus on the percentages, which are the better representation of response frequency.

Statistical Testing

Statistically significant differences between scores were determined using binomial and t-tests. If the test was valid, a significance level of .05 or less was considered statistically significant and "\underword" or "\underword" was placed at the end/top of the appropriate bar. Tests were considered valid when the number of cases used to compute each score was 30 or greater, and there was non-zero variation in the tested groups.

Alliance Health Sample Disposition

Sample Disposition

| | Alliance Health |
|--|-----------------|
| Initial Email Invitation - sent | 1466 |
| †Email bounce back with non-delivery message | 103 |
| *Completed usable surveys | 453 |
| Response Rate | 33.2% |

^{*}Included in response rate numerator

Note: Response Rate = Completed usable Surveys / Total Eligible Cases

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[†]Excluded from response rate denominator

Alliance Health Trend Analysis

Trend Analysis - 2021 vs. 2020

The table below provides a snapshot of the items with the greatest point change, positive or negative, since 2020. All performance-related items in the questionnaire that were trendable were listed in descending order of point change, and testing was conducted to determine which trends were statistically significant. Shown below are the ten items at the top of the list and the ten items at the bottom, with their 2020 and 2021 scores and results of significance testing.

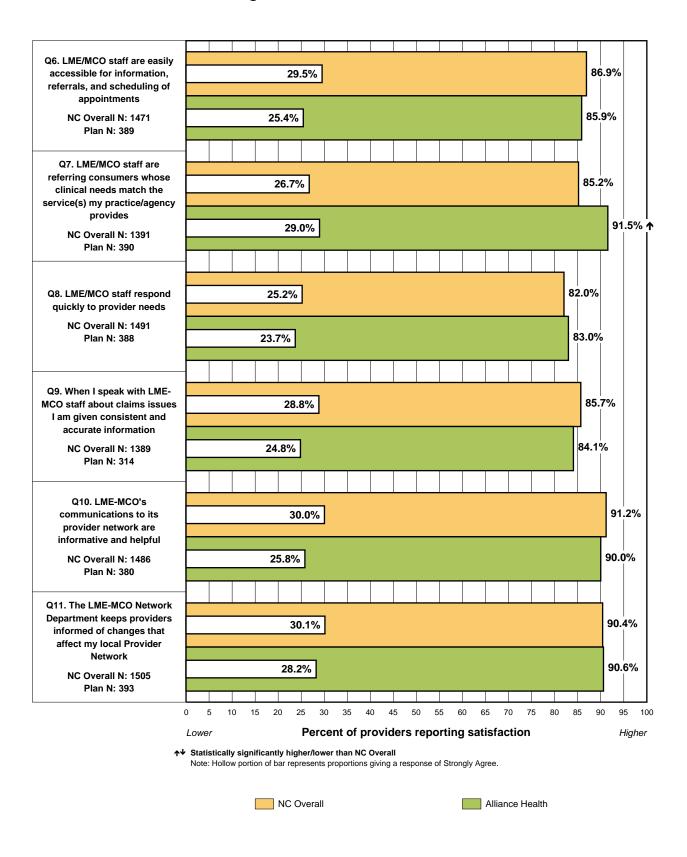
In the table presented below, differences over time may be readily apparent. However, where these differences are not statistically significant they should be evaluated accordingly.

| Question | AH 2021 Score | AH 2020 Score | Point Change |
|---|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Q18. My agency is satisfied with the appeals process for denial, reduction, or suspension of service(s) | 87.9% | 84.2% | + 3.7 |
| Q14. LME/MCO requests for corrective action plans and other supporting materials are fair and reasonable | 94.8% | 91.5% | + 3.4 |
| Q13. The LME/MCO staff conduct fair and thorough investigations | 93.1% | 90.8% | + 2.3 |
| Q19. The LME/MCO's website is a useful tool for helping my agency find the tools and materials needed to provide services | 87.5% | 86.1% | + 1.4 |
| Q20. I receive appropriate notice on the need to recredential. | 92.6% | 91.4% | + 1.2 |
| Q7. LME/MCO staff are referring consumers whose clinical needs match the service(s) my practice/agency provides | 91.5% | 90.4% | + 1.2 |
| Q22. Provider Relations Credentialing Staff are friendly and knowledgeable. | 94.5% | 94.8% | - 0.3 |
| Q11. The LME-MCO Network Department keeps providers informed of changes that affect my local Provider Network | 90.6% | 91.1% | - 0.5 |
| Q15. Trainings are informative and meet our needs as a provider/ agency | 91.2% | 91.7% | - 0.5 |
| Q10. LME-MCO's communications to its provider network are informative and helpful | 90.0% | 91.5% | - 1.5 |
| Q17. Denials for treatment and services are explained | 84.4% | 86.7% | - 2.3 |
| Q21. The credentialing/recredentialing process occurs in a timely manner. | 80.3% | 82.6% | - 2.3 |
| Q8. LME/MCO staff respond quickly to provider needs | 83.0% | 85.5% | - 2.5 |
| Q6. LME/MCO staff are easily accessible for information, referrals, and scheduling of appointments | 85.9% | 88.7% | - 2.8 |
| Q9. When I speak with LME-MCO staff about claims issues I am given consistent and accurate information | 84.1% | 87.9% | - 3.8 |
| Q12. The LME-MCO Network Department staff are knowledgeable and answer questions consistently and accurately | 83.8% | 88.1% | - 4.3 |

^{▲ ▼} Statistically significantly higher/lower than 2020 score.

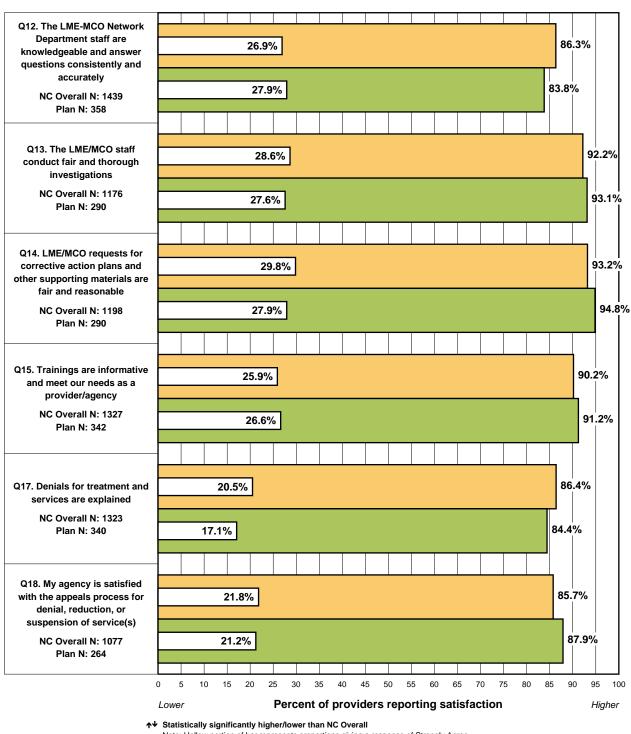
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Single Item Measures - Achievement Scores



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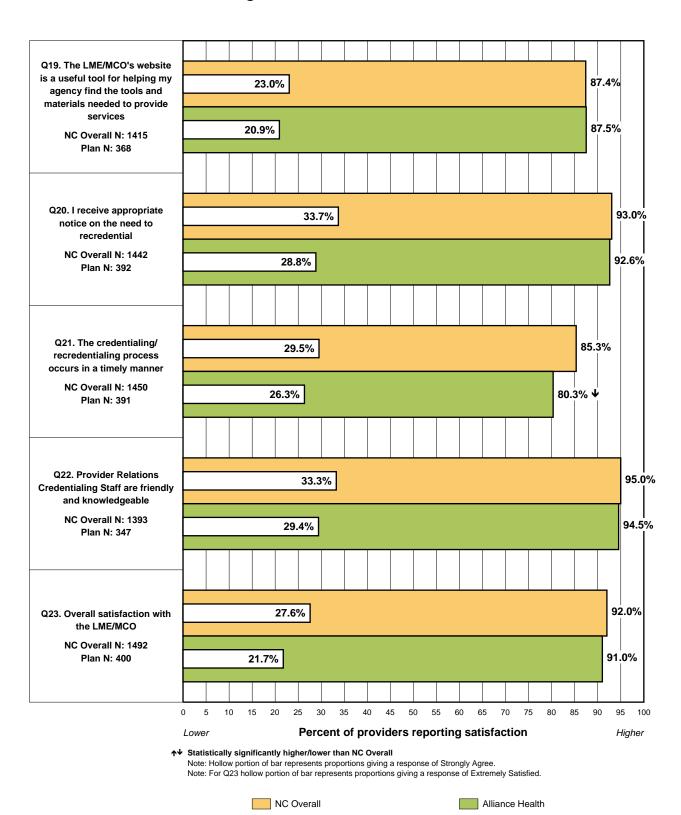
Single Item Measures - Achievement Scores



Note: Hollow portion of bar represents proportions giving a response of Strongly Agree.

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Single Item Measures - Achievement Scores



Responses by Question

Q1. How long have you been a Medicaid provider enrolled with an LME-MCO?

| | A | AH 2021 | |
|--------------------|-----|----------|--|
| | N | % | |
| Less than 6 months | 23 | 5.1% | |
| 1 - 2 years | 96 | 3 21.2% | |
| 3 - 5 years | 88 | 19.6% | |
| 6 years or more | 248 | 54.1% | |
| Total | 453 | 3 100.0% | |
| Not Answered | (|) | |

Q2. How many Medicaid beneficiaries did you serve in the last 12 months? (Please estimate to the best of your ability)

| | AH | AH 2021 | |
|---------------|-----|---------|--|
| | N | % | |
| 1-50 | 211 | 46.6% | |
| 51-100 | 93 | 20.5% | |
| 101-250 | 81 | 17.9% | |
| 251-500 | 38 | 8.4% | |
| More than 500 | 30 | 6.6% | |
| Total | 453 | 100.0% | |
| Not Answered | 0 | | |

Q3. What's your provider type?

| | AH | AH 2021 | |
|--|-----|---------|--|
| | N | % | |
| Provider Agency | 326 | 72.1% | |
| Licensed Independent Practitioner (LIP) or LIP group | 123 | 27.2% | |
| Community Hospital | 3 | 0.7% | |
| Total | 452 | 100.0% | |
| Not Answered | 1 | | |

Q4. Please select the services you provide. Please check all that apply. (Note: Percents may add to > 100%)

| | AH 2021 | |
|---|---------|--------|
| | N | % |
| Enhanced Behavioral Health Services | 133 | 29.4% |
| Outpatient | 347 | 76.8% |
| Residential | 68 | 15.0% |
| Inpatient (Include psychiatric, detoxification, and/or crisis) | 16 | 3.5% |
| Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) | 13 | 2.9% |
| Innovations Waiver Services | 71 | 15.7% |
| TBI Waiver Services | 13 | 2.9% |
| Total | 452 | 100.0% |
| Not Answered | 1 | |

Q5. What are the primary populations you serve? Please check all that apply. (Note: Percents may add to > 100%)

| | AH 2021 | |
|---|---------|--------|
| | N | % |
| Adult Intellectual/Developmental Disability | 128 | 28.4% |
| Child Intellectual/Developmental Disability | 101 | 22.4% |
| Adult Mental Health | 317 | 70.3% |
| Child Mental Health | 274 | 60.8% |
| Adult Substance Abuse | 161 | 35.7% |
| Child Substance Abuse | 52 | 11.5% |
| Total | 451 | 100.0% |
| Not Answered | 2 | |

Q6. LME/MCO staff are easily accessible for information, referrals, and scheduling of appointments.

| | AH 2021 | |
|---|------------|--------|
| | N | % |
| Strongly Agree | 99 | 25.4% |
| Agree | 235 | 60.4% |
| Disagree | 44 | 11.3% |
| Strongly Disagree | 11 | 2.8% |
| No Response | 63 | |
| Total | 389 | 100.0% |
| Not Answered | 1 | |
| Reporting Category | Single Ite | ems |
| Achievement Score | 85.86% | |
| 2021 vs. 2020: +/- Chg (↑ Stat. sig.) | -2.8 | |

Q7. LME/MCO staff are referring consumers whose clinical needs match the service(s) my practice/agency provides.

| | AH 2 | 2021 |
|---|--------|--------|
| | N | % |
| Strongly Agree | 113 | 29.0% |
| Agree | 244 | 62.6% |
| Disagree | 27 | 6.9% |
| Strongly Disagree | 6 | 1.5% |
| No Response | 61 | |
| Total | 390 | 100.0% |
| Not Answered | 2 | |
| Reporting Category | Single | Items |
| Achievement Score | 91.54% | |
| 2021 vs. 2020: +/- Chg (↑ ♦ Stat. sig.) | +1 | .2 |

Q8. LME/MCO staff respond quickly to provider needs.

| AH 2 | AH 2021 | |
|--------|--------------------------------|--|
| N | % | |
| 92 | 23.7% | |
| 230 | 59.3% | |
| 53 | 13.7% | |
| 13 | 3.4% | |
| 63 | | |
| 388 | 100.0% | |
| 2 | | |
| Single | Items | |
| 82.9 | 82.99% | |
| -2 | -2.5 | |
| | N 92 230 53 13 63 388 2 Single | |

Q9. When I speak with LME-MCO staff about claims issues I am given consistent and accurate information.

| | A | AH 2021 | |
|---|-----|------------|--|
| | N | % | |
| Strongly Agree | 78 | 8 24.8% | |
| Agree | 180 | 6 59.2% | |
| Disagree | 3 | 1 9.9% | |
| Strongly Disagree | 1! | 9 6.1% | |
| No Response | 13 | 7 | |
| Total | 314 | 4 100.0% | |
| Not Answered | | 2 | |
| Reporting Category | Si | ngle Items | |
| Achievement Score | | 84.08% | |
| 2021 vs. 2020: +/- Chg (↑ Stat. sig.) | | -3.8 | |

Q10. LME-MCO's communications to its provider network are informative and helpful.

| | AH | AH 2021 | |
|--|------|----------|--|
| | N | % | |
| Strongly Agree | 98 | 25.8% | |
| Agree | 244 | 64.2% | |
| Disagree | 29 | 7.6% | |
| Strongly Disagree | 9 | 2.4% | |
| No Response | 69 | | |
| Total | 380 | 100.0% | |
| Not Answered | 4 | | |
| Reporting Category | Sing | le Items | |
| Achievement Score | 90 | 90.00% | |
| 2021 vs. 2020: +/- Chg (♠♦ Stat. sig.) | - | -1.5 | |

Q11. The LME-MCO Network Department keeps providers informed of changes that affect my local Provider Network.

| | AH 2 | AH 2021 | |
|--|--------|---------|--|
| | N | % | |
| Strongly Agree | 111 | 28.2% | |
| Agree | 245 | 62.3% | |
| Disagree | 30 | 7.6% | |
| Strongly Disagree | 7 | 1.8% | |
| No Response | 56 | | |
| Total | 393 | 100.0% | |
| Not Answered | 4 | | |
| Reporting Category | Single | Items | |
| Achievement Score | 90. | 90.59% | |
| 2021 vs. 2020: +/- Chg (♠♦ Stat. sig.) | -0 | -0.5 | |

Q12. The LME-MCO Network Department staff are knowledgeable and answer questions consistently and accurately.

| | AH | AH 2021 | |
|---|-----|----------|--|
| | N | % | |
| Strongly Agree | 100 | 27.9% | |
| Agree | 200 | 55.9% | |
| Disagree | 49 | 13.7% | |
| Strongly Disagree | 9 | 2.5% | |
| No Response | 90 | | |
| Total | 358 | 100.0% | |
| Not Answered | 5 | | |
| Reporting Category Sir | | le Items | |
| Achievement Score | 83 | 83.80% | |
| 2021 vs. 2020: +/- Chg (↑ Stat. sig.) | - | -4.3 | |

Q13. The LME/MCO staff conduct fair and thorough investigations.

| | AH 2 | AH 2021 | |
|---|------|---------|--|
| | N | % | |
| Strongly Agree | 80 | 27.6% | |
| Agree | 190 | 65.5% | |
| Disagree | 10 | 3.4% | |
| Strongly Disagree | 10 | 3.4% | |
| No Response | 158 | | |
| Total | 290 | 100.0% | |
| Not Answered | 5 | | |
| Reporting Category | | Items | |
| Achievement Score | 93. | 93.10% | |
| 2021 vs. 2020: +/- Chg (↑ Stat. sig.) | +2 | +2.3 | |

Q14. After the audit, investigation, or provider monitoring, LME/MCO requests for corrective action plans and other supporting materials are fair and reasonable.

| | A | AH 2021 | |
|---|-----|------------|--|
| | N | % | |
| Strongly Agree | 8 | 1 27.9% | |
| ● Agree | 19- | 4 66.9% | |
| ● Disagree | | 8 2.8% | |
| Strongly Disagree | | 7 2.4% | |
| No Response | 15 | 7 | |
| Total | 29 | 0 100.0% | |
| Not Answered | | 6 | |
| Reporting Category | Si | ngle Items | |
| Achievement Score | , | 94.83% | |
| 2021 vs. 2020: +/- Chg (↑ Stat. sig.) | | +3.4 | |

Q15. Trainings are informative and meet our needs as a provider/agency.

| | AH 2 | AH 2021 | |
|---|--------------|---------|--|
| | N | % | |
| Strongly Agree | 91 | 26.6% | |
| Agree | 221 | 64.6% | |
| Disagree | 22 | 6.4% | |
| Strongly Disagree | 8 | 2.3% | |
| No Response | 105 | | |
| Total | 342 | 100.0% | |
| Not Answered | 6 | | |
| Reporting Category | Single Items | | |
| Achievement Score | 91.2 | 91.23% | |
| 2021 vs. 2020: +/- Chg (↑ Stat. sig.) | -0 | -0.5 | |

Q16. For which of the following topics would you like to see more training and education materials? Please check all that apply. (Note: Percents may add to > 100%)

| | AH | AH 2021 | |
|---|-----|---------|--|
| | N | % | |
| Claims Processing Information | 117 | 26.2% | |
| Technology | 67 | 15.0% | |
| Payment Policy and Reimbursement | 104 | 23.3% | |
| Provider Appeals | 56 | 12.6% | |
| Member Appeals | 27 | 6.1% | |
| Audit and Corrective Action Processes | 91 | 20.4% | |
| Quality Management and Reporting | 106 | 23.8% | |
| Clinical Coverage Policies/Evidence Based Practices | 195 | 43.7% | |
| Provider Monitoring | 107 | 24.0% | |
| Other | 17 | 3.8% | |
| No additional materials needed | 125 | 28.0% | |
| Total | 446 | 100.0% | |
| Not Answered | 7 | | |

Q17. Denials for treatment and services are explained.

| | AH 2021 | |
|--|---------|--------|
| | N | % |
| Strongly Agree | 58 | 17.1% |
| Agree | 229 | 67.4% |
| Disagree | 45 | 13.2% |
| Strongly Disagree | 8 | 2.4% |
| No Response | 107 | |
| Total | 340 | 100.0% |
| Not Answered | 6 | |
| Reporting Category | Single | Items |
| Achievement Score | 84.41% | |
| 2021 vs. 2020: +/- Chg (♠♦ Stat. sig.) | -2.3 | |

Q18. My agency is satisfied with the appeals process for denial, reduction, or suspension of service(s).

| | AH 2 | 2021 |
|---|--------|---------|
| | N | % |
| Strongly Agree | 56 | 21.2% |
| Agree | 176 | 66.7% |
| ● Disagree | 22 | 8.3% |
| Strongly Disagree | 10 | 3.8% |
| No Response | 182 | |
| Total | 264 | 100.0% |
| Not Answered | 7 | |
| Reporting Category | Single | e Items |
| Achievement Score | 87. | 88% |
| 2021 vs. 2020: +/- Chg (↑ Stat. sig.) | +3.7 | |

Q19. The LME/MCO's website is a useful tool for helping my agency find the tools and materials needed to provide services.

| | AH 2 | AH 2021 | |
|--|--------------|---------|--|
| | N | % | |
| Strongly Agree | 77 | 20.9% | |
| Agree | 245 | 66.6% | |
| Disagree | 33 | 9.0% | |
| Strongly Disagree | 13 | 3.5% | |
| No Response | 78 | | |
| Total | 368 | 100.0% | |
| Not Answered | 7 | | |
| Reporting Category | Single Items | | |
| Achievement Score | 87. | 87.50% | |
| 2021 vs. 2020: +/- Chg (♠♥ Stat. sig.) | +1 | +1.4 | |

Q20. I receive appropriate notice on the need to recredential.

| | AH | AH 2021 | |
|---|------|----------|--|
| | N | % | |
| Strongly Agree | 113 | 28.8% | |
| Agree | 250 | 63.8% | |
| Disagree | 23 | 5.9% | |
| Strongly Disagree | 6 | 1.5% | |
| No Response | 54 | | |
| Total | 392 | 100.0% | |
| Not Answered | 7 | | |
| Reporting Category | Sing | le Items | |
| Achievement Score | 92 | 92.60% | |
| 2021 vs. 2020: +/- Chg (↑ Stat. sig.) | + | +1.2 | |

Q21. The credentialing/recredentialing process occurs in a timely manner.

| | А | AH 2021 | |
|---|----|------------|--|
| | N | % | |
| Strongly Agree | 10 | 3 26.3% | |
| Agree | 21 | 1 54.0% | |
| Disagree | 5 | 4 13.8% | |
| Strongly Disagree | 2 | 3 5.9% | |
| No Response | 5 | 5 | |
| Total | 39 | 1 100.0% | |
| Not Answered | | 7 | |
| Reporting Category | Si | ngle Items | |
| Achievement Score | | 80.31% | |
| 2021 vs. 2020: +/- Chg (↑ Stat. sig.) | | -2.3 | |

Q22. Provider Relations Credentialing Staff are friendly and knowledgeable.

| | AH | AH 2021 | |
|---|-------|---------|--|
| | N | % | |
| Strongly Agree | 102 | 29.4% | |
| Agree | 226 | 65.1% | |
| ● Disagree | 13 | 3.7% | |
| Strongly Disagree | 6 | 1.7% | |
| No Response | 99 | | |
| Total | 347 | 100.0% | |
| Not Answered | 7 | | |
| Reporting Category | Singl | e Items | |
| Achievement Score | 94 | 94.52% | |
| 2021 vs. 2020: +/- Chg (↑ ♥ Stat. sig.) | -(| -0.3 | |

Q23. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the LME/MCO.

| | A | AH 2021 | |
|---|-----|------------|--|
| | N | % | |
| Extremely Satisfied | 87 | 7 21.7% | |
| Satisfied | 277 | 7 69.3% | |
| Dissatisfied | 27 | 7 6.7% | |
| Extremely Dissatisfied | 9 | 2.2% | |
| No Response | 45 | 5 | |
| Total | 400 | 100.0% | |
| Not Answered | 8 | 3 | |
| Reporting Category | Sir | ngle Items | |
| Achievement Score | 9 | 91.00% | |
| 2021 vs. 2020: +/- Chg (↑ Stat. sig.) | | +0.0 | |

Q24. Please identify any of areas below where you think the LME/MCO needs to improve. (Check all that apply): (Note: Percents may add to > 100%)

| | Al- | AH 2021 | |
|--|-----|---------|--|
| | N | % | |
| Communication with Providers and Members | 110 | 25.3% | |
| Customer Service Responsiveness | 84 | 19.4% | |
| Website | 58 | 13.4% | |
| None of the areas above need improvement | 272 | 62.7% | |
| Total | 434 | 100.0% | |
| Not Answered | 19 | | |

Q25. Would you like to be contacted regarding your responses to this survey?

| | AH | AH 2021 | |
|--------------|-----|---------|--|
| | N | % | |
| Yes | 22 | 5.0% | |
| No | 420 | 95.0% | |
| Total | 442 | 100.0% | |
| Not Answered | 11 | | |



Your agency has been identified as a provider of Behavioral Health, Substance Use Disorder, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, and Traumatic Brain Injury services enrolled in an LME-MCO network. NC Medicaid surveys agencies on a yearly basis and over the next few months the 2022 DHHS Provider Satisfaction Survey will be conducted for all providers that have contracted with the LME/MCOs to provide services under 1915(b)/(c) Medicaid Waiver. NC Medicaid is very interested in receiving your responses to this survey.

The purpose of the survey is to assess provider perceptions of LME/MCO provider supports for NC Medicaid. This survey is important to NC Medicaid because it helps them to assess the LME/MCOs ability to 1) interact with their network of providers, and 2) provide training and support to all enrolled provider agencies.

This survey will take between 10 and 15 minutes to complete and all questions are required. All information captured in the survey is confidential and will not be shared with your LME/MCO. The only information that will be shared with the LME/MCOs will be de-identified results. If you have any questions related to this survey please contact DataS tat by email at pss.support@datastat.com or toll free at 1-866-387-9013.

| 1 | How long have you been a Medicaid provider enrolled with an LME-MCO? |
|----|--|
| 1. | O Less than 6 months |
| | O 1 - 2 years |
| | O 3 - 5 years |
| | O 6 years or more |
| 2. | How many Medicaid beneficiaries did you serve in the last 12 months? (Please estimate to the best of your ability) |
| | O 1-50 |
| | O 51-100 |
| | O 101-250 |
| | O 251-500 |
| | O More than 500 |
| 3. | What's your provider type? |
| | O Provider Agency |
| | O Licensed Independent Practitioner (LIP) or LIP group |
| | O Community Hospital |
| 4. | Please select the services you provide. Please check all that apply. |
| | ☐ Enhanced Behavioral Health Services |
| | □ Outpatient |
| | ☐ Residential |
| | ☐ Inpatient (Include psychiatric, detoxification, and/or crisis) |
| | ☐ Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) |
| | ☐ Innovations Waiver Services |
| | ☐ TBI Waiver Services |
| 5. | What are the primary populations you serve? Please check all that apply. |
| | ☐ Adult Intellectual/Developmental Disability |
| | ☐ Child Intellectual/Developmental Disability |
| | ☐ Adult Mental Health |
| | ☐ Child Mental Health |
| | ☐ Adult Substance Abuse |
| | ☐ Child Substance Abuse |

For each of the statements below, please indicate whether you Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, or Strongly Disagree. If the statement is not applicable, please select No Response.

| | _ | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | No Response |
|-----|--|-------------------|-------|----------|----------------------|----------------|
| 6. | LME/MCO staff are easily accessible for information, referrals, and scheduling of appointments. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7. | LME/MCO staff are referring consumers whose clinical needs match the service(s) my practice/agency provides. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 8. | LME/MCO staff respond quickly to provider needs. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 9. | When I speak with LME-MCO staff about claims issues I am given consistent and accurate information. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10. | LME-MCO's communications to its provider network are informative and helpful. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11. | The LME-MCO Network Department keeps providers informed of changes that affect my local Provider Network. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 12. | The LME-MCO Network Department staff are knowledgeable and answer questions consistently and accurately. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 13. | The LME/MCO staff conduct fair and thorough investigations. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 14. | After the audit, investigation, or provider monitoring, LME/MCO requests for corrective action plans and other supporting materials are fair and reasonable. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 15. | Trainings are informative and meet our needs as a provider/agency. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| | Claims Processing Information Technology | | | | | | |
|----------|---|-------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------|
| | Payment Policy and Reimbursement | | | | | | |
| | Provider Appeals | | | | | | |
| | Member Appeals | | | | | | |
| | Audit and Corrective Action Processes | | | | | | |
| | Quality Management and Reporting | | | | | | |
| | Clinical Coverage Policies/Evidence Based I | Practices | | | | | |
| | Provider Monitoring | | | | | | |
| | Other (please specify) | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | No additional materials needed | | | | | | |
| | ch of the statements below, please indicate w tement is not applicable, please select No Res | | Strongly Ag | gree, Agree, D | isagree, or S | trongly Disagre | e. If |
| | | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | No Response | |
| 17. | Denials for treatment and services are explained. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 18. | My agency is satisfied with the appeals process for denial, reduction, or suspension of service(s). | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 19. | The LME/MCO's website is a useful tool for helping my agency find the tools and materials needed to provide services. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 20. | I receive appropriate notice on the need to recredential. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 21. | The credentialing/recredentialing process occurs in a timely manner. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 22. | Provider Relations Credentialing Staff are friendly and knowledgeable. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 23. Plea | ase rate your overall satisfaction with the LN | МЕ/МСО. | | | | | |
| C | Extremely Satisfied Satisfied Dissatisfied | | | | | | |
| | Extremely Dissatisfied No Response | | | | | | |

16. For which of the following topics would you like to see more training and education materials? Please check all that

apply.

| | Communication with Providers and Members |
|---------|--|
| | Please describe your specific concerns / issues (optional) |
| | |
| | Customer Service Responsiveness |
| | Please describe your specific concerns / issues (optional) |
| | |
| | Website |
| | Please describe your specific concerns / issues (optional) |
| | |
| 0 | None of the areas above need improvement |
| | |
| 25. XX | |
| | ould you like to be contacted regarding your responses to this survey? |
| _ | Yes No |
| | |
| | would like to be contacted by the health plan regarding your responses to this survey, please provide your name number, and your specific concerns or issues below. |
| 26. Op | otional Contact Information |
| | Name |
| | |
| | Phone number |
| | |
| 27. Ple | ease state your specific concerns / issues if not noted above. |
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Thank you for completing the 2022 Provider Satisfaction Survey. Please go ahead and close your browser window.