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To: LME-MCO CEOs

From: Kathy Nichols, Lead Waiver Program Manager, Contracts Section, DMA, and Courtney M. Cantrell, Ph.D., Acting Director, DMH/DD/SAS

Subject: Cumberland Hospital and Legal Immigrant Behavioral Health Authorizations

Effective June 1, 2014, please submit North Carolina Medicaid behavioral health authorization requests for the following groups to ValueOptions:

- Medicaid legal aliens;
- Medicaid children 0-3 years of age;
- Health Choice beneficiaries; and
- Medicaid admissions to Cumberland Hospital.

For Medicaid admissions to Cumberland hospital, ValueOptions and Cumberland Hospital will contact the appropriate LME-MCO to facilitate coordination of care and transition to community services. DMH and DMA encourage LME-MCOs to participate in conference calls for complex cases.

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