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**From:** Dave Richard 

**Re:** **Communication Bulletin # 134  
CABHA Re-Certification Update**



The Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services (DMH/DD/SAS) has recently received a number of inquiries from certified Critical Access Behavioral Health Agencies (CABHA) about the need for re-certification at three years past the original certification date. In the 2011 legislative session the NC General Assembly passed Session Law 2012-171: An Act Related to Critical Access Behavioral Health Agencies (also referred to as Senate Bill S525) effective July 01, 2012. This law significantly changed the CABHA certification requirements.

There are no requirements for CABHA's to seek re-certification. The original certification will remain in effect.

For any questions about the CABHA certification process, please contact Crystal Farrow at 919-715-1294 or [Crystal.Farrow@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Crystal.Farrow@dhhs.nc.gov).

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