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**To:** Local Management Entities/Managed Care Organizations (LME-MCOs)

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**Subject:** Children with Special Needs - Settlement Agreement Extension

Overview:

As described in Communication Bulletin #J231, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Disability Rights North Carolina (DRNC) entered into a Settlement Agreement on October 14, 2016 to outline a plan to assist children with complex needs. The Settlement Agreement defines children with complex needs as Medicaid-Eligible Children ages 5 and under 21 who have been diagnosed with a developmental disability (including Intellectual Disability and/or Autism Spectrum Disorder) and a mental health disorder who are at risk of not being able to return to or maintain placement in a community setting.

Due to an allegation of non-compliance by Disability Rights North Carolina, the settlement agreement has been extended to December 31, 2018. As previously communicated, quarterly data will continue to be collected according to the schedule below.

<b>Reporting Period</b>	<b>Report Due</b>
April 2018-June 2018	July 10, 2018
July 2018-September 2018	October 10, 2018
October 2018-December 2018	January 10, 2019
January 2019-March 2019	April 10, 2019
April 2019- June 2019	July 10, 2019

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