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**LME-MCO Joint Communication Bulletin # J409**

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

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**SUBJECT:** Supplemental Financial Assistance for the Provision of State-Funded Group Home Services During SFY22

Pursuant to Session Law 2021-180, Section 9F.12, the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services (DMH/DD/SAS ) received one-time funding to provide short-term financial assistance for individuals living in group homes. The funds are time-limited -- available through the end of State Fiscal Year 2021-22. This bulletin explains the process through which these funds can be accessed.

Providers of facilities licensed under 10A NCAC 27G .5601 (c)(1) and 10A NCAC 27G .5601 (c)(3) that serve minors or adults with a primary diagnosis of mental illness or a developmental disability who meet the criteria described below are eligible to apply for this temporary funding on behalf of the residents at their facility.

The following processes shall be used to request use of short-term supplemental funds for individuals who meet the identified criteria for fund use as stipulated in Session Law 2021-180 Section 9F.12. The qualifying criteria include:

- The resident was eligible for Medicaid-covered Personal Care Services (PCS) prior to Jan. 1, 2013.
- The resident was determined to be ineligible for PCS on or after Jan. 1, 2013, due to Medicaid State Plan changes in PCS eligibility criteria in Section 10.9F of S.L. 2012-142, as amended by Section 3.7 of S.L. 2012-145 and Section 70 of S.L. 2012-194.
- The resident has continuously resided in a group home since Dec. 31, 2012.

*NOTE: The recipient may not receive this funding if a Medicaid appeal has been filed and Maintenance of Service (MOS) has been granted for PCS, the individual lives in an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF-IID) or is a current NC Innovations Waiver recipient.*

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Group home providers that contracted with an LME-MCO should contact the respective LME-MCO regarding their processes. Provider agencies should initiate contact with the LME-MCO in the catchment area where the group home is located. If the provider is not contracted with that specific LME-MCO, providers should contact the LME-MCO with which the provider contracts for the provision of PCS for each individual served for further direction.

Group homes that do not contract with an LME-MCO will have payments processed through DMH/DD/SAS and should adhere to the following:

- Submit a W-9 (**Attachment 1**), Funding Sources Notification (**Attachment 2**), Short-Term Assistance Invoice Request Form (**Attachment 3**) to [COVIDghFunding@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:COVIDghFunding@dhhs.nc.gov).
- If a W-9 is not on file, the Provider Attestation/Invoice is unable to be processed. It could take up to 30 days to process the W-9 prior to being able to process the Provider Attestation/Invoice; therefore, the entire process could take up to 60 days.

If you have any questions, please contact Saarah Waleed at 984-236-5050 or via e-mail [COVIDGHFunding@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:COVIDGHFunding@dhhs.nc.gov).

Attachments: State of North Carolina Subrecipient W-9  
Funding Sources Notification  
Short-term Assistance Invoice Request Form

Previous bulletins can be accessed at: [www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/mhddsas/joint-communication-bulletins](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/mhddsas/joint-communication-bulletins)

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