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To Whom It May Concern:

The Transitions to Community Living (TCL) program was created to meet a settlement agreement between the North Carolina Department of Health Human Services (NCDHHS) and the United States Department of Justice to ensure that eligible adults living with serious mental illnesses had the opportunity to live in the least restrictive settings of their choice.

The Tailored Plans, or LME/ MCOs, provide education through In Reach Specialists to individuals living in Adult Care Homes and State Psychiatric Hospitals who qualify for TCL. In-Reach Specialists provide information about the array of community-based services and supports, including benefits specific to those who are TCL eligible (such as rental subsidies), that may be needed for an individual to live successfully in the community.

For any of your residents who qualify for TCL and who have a legal guardian, a copy of the court order naming the person as guardian must be provided to the Tailored Plan, or LME/MCO, In Reach Specialist, as well as the guardians' phone number and mailing address. This is essential to ensure that the guardian is apprised of upcoming conversations with In Reach Specialists without violating the rights of the individual.

We appreciate your assistance in ensuring that individuals that are TCL eligible are fully informed about the options available to them for services and living accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Olmstead US Supreme Court decision.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [deborah.goda@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:deborah.goda@dhhs.nc.gov).

Sincerely,

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