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Albert A. Delia, Acting Secretary

The Honorable Justin P. Burr, Co-Chair Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services North Carolina House of Representatives Room 538, Legislative Office Building Raleigh, NC 27603

The Honorable Nelson Dollar, Co-Chair Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services North Carolina House of Representatives Room 307B1, Legislative Office Building Raleigh, NC 27603

The Honorable Louis Pate, Co-Chair Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services North Carolina Senate Room 406, Legislative Office Building Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Representative Burr, Representative Dollar and Senator Pate:

Session Law 2012-128, Section 2, requires the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services to study local management entity (LME) efforts and activities to help reduce the need for acute care inpatient admissions for patients with a primary diagnosis of a mental health, developmental disability or substance abuse disorder and the number of patients requiring three or more incidents of crisis services. Pursuant to the provisions of law, the Department is pleased to submit the attached status report.

Please contact Jim Jarrard, Acting Director of the NC Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, should you have any questions regarding this report. Mr. Jarrard can be contacted at (919) 733-7011.

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