

# North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

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#### SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable Ralph Hise, Co-Chair Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services North Carolina General Assembly Room 1026, Legislative Building Raleigh, NC 27603

The Honorable Mark Hollo, Co-Chair Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services
North Carolina General Assembly
Room 639, Legislative Office Building
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

The Honorable Justin Burr, Co-Chair Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services North Carolina General Assembly Room 307A, Legislative Office Building Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

Dear Senator Hise and Representatives Burr and Hollo:

Section 12A.4.(c) of Session Law 2014-100 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to report on a plan to implement a single, stand-alone information technology system to be used for Medicaid claim adjudication by all LME/MCOs.

The LME/MCOs operating in this state have been on a path toward consolidation with encouragement from the Department. Eleven LME/MCOs were approved to begin operating the 1915(b)/(c) waiver. Those eleven LME/MCOs were operating three Medicaid claim adjudication platforms. Today, there are nine LME/MCOs operating the waiver. Those LME/MCOs essentially operate with two Medicaid claim adjudication platforms, with one essentially being an offshoot of the other.

This consolidation effort largely represents the Department's information technology plan to date. A critical variable that would influence any further plan evolution is the direction the State takes with Medicaid reform. Accordingly, we think it would be prudent to defer further plan development for the LME/MCO Medicaid claim adjudication platform until the decision on Medicaid reform is made.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Joe Cooper, Chief Information Officer, at (919) 855-3060 or joe.cooper@dhhs.nc.gov.



Sincerely,

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The Honorable Jason Saine, Co-Chairman Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology North Carolina General Assembly 300 N. Salisbury Street Room 402, Legislative Office Building Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

The Honorable Andrew C. Brock, Co-Chairman Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology North Carolina General Assembly 300 N. Salisbury Street Room 521, Legislative Office Building Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

Dear Senator Brock and Representative Saine:

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Mr. Mark Trogdon, Director Fiscal Research Division North Carolina General Assembly Room 619, Legislative Office Building Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

Dear Director Trogdon:

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