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## SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable Louis Pate, Chair Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services North Carolina General Assembly Room 311, Legislative Office Building Raleigh, NC 27603

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Should you have any questions concerning this report, please contact Dale Armstrong, Deputy Secretary for Facility Based Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Services at 919-855-4700 or Dale.Armstrong@dhhs.nc.gov.

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