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Dear Chairmen and Director Trogdon:

As you know, the team at DHHS has been deeply involved in the ongoing Hurricane Florence response efforts. We have been working diligently with our federal, state, and local partners to address critical needs before, during, and after the storm. These efforts include setting up and running medical shelters, coordinating with counties and the Red Cross to stand-up and operate general population shelters, supporting local health care entities – hospitals, nursing homes, and other -- with emergency supplies, applying for multiple flexibility waivers to ensure people have access to food and health services, and working around the clock to push out critical public health and safety messages.

Due to these efforts, I wanted to notify you that several legislative reports due from the Department of Health and Human Services (“Department”) in early October will be delayed. The Department will be submitting 7 reports on time. However, to enable staff to prioritize their critical hurricane recovery work in the coming weeks, our finalization of the following reports will be delayed:

1. NC General Statute 122C-5 requiring the Department to report on the use of restraints and seclusion in behavioral health facilities
2. NC General Statute 131D-2.13(e) requiring the Department to report on the use of restraints and seclusion in adult care homes
3. NC General Statute 131D-10.6(10) requiring the Department to report on the use of restraints and seclusion in residential child care facilities
4. Session Law 2015-286, Section 6A.14.(a) requiring the Department to report on departmental use of mobile communication devices
5. Session Law 2017-41, Section 2.1.(e) requiring the Department to report its preliminary recommendations for social services reform recommendations
6. Session Law 2018-49, Section 8.(c) requiring the Department to report proposed legislative changes relating to the funding of capitation payments received by Medicaid Prepaid Health Plans
7. Session Law 2018-49, Section 9.(b) requiring the Department to report proposed legislative changes to the Medicaid hospital provider assessment formula
8. Session Law 2018-76, Section 3.(c) requiring the Department to report on the secure electronic transmission of prisoner health data
9. Session Law 2018-81, Section 1 requiring the Department to report on the implementation of the 1915(c) waiver for individuals with traumatic brain injury
10. Session Law 2018-88, Section 1.(b) requiring the Department to report the findings of its study on graduate medical education payments in rural areas
11. Session Law 2018-88, Section 2.(b) requiring the Department to report the findings of its study on teaching hospitals in rural areas
12. Session Law 2018-88, Section 3.(c) requiring the Department to report its recommendations for target loan repayment funds for dentists in rural areas
13. Session Law 2018-5, Section 11H.11.(b) requiring the Department to report on the allocation of additional medical providers eligible for supplemental payments
14. NC General Statute 122C-20.15 - NC Supportive Housing Program
15. NC General Statute 143B-168.27 - Administrative Allowance for County Depts. Of Social Svcs./Use of Subsidy Funds for Fraud Detection
16. Session Law 2017-57, Section 11F.7.(c) - Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Assessment Pilot Program
17. Session Law 2015-286, Section 4.15.(c) On-Site Wastewater Amendments

Please let me know if any of the reports listed above have a particular time sensitivity for your work and we will do everything we can to prioritize it.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Department and those who we serve.

Sincerely,



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