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Via Email and USPS Mail

November 9, 2020

Dr. Mandy K. Cohen, MD, MPH
Secretary, NC Department of Health and Human Services
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Raleigh, NC 27699-2001

RE: Stanly County LME/MCO Disengagement and Realignment

Dear Secretary Cohen;

The enclosed resolution was adopted unanimously by the Stanly County Board of Commissioners on Monday, November 9, 2020. Please accept this letter and resolution as Stanly County's written notice of its intent to disengage from Cardinal Innovations Healthcare and realign with Partners Behavioral Health Management, consistent with applicable statutes and regulations (NCGS 122C-115(a3); 10A NCAC 26C.0701-0703).

Our disengagement plan will be published on Tuesday, November 10 on our County's website (www.stanlycountync.gov) and Partners' website at (www.partnersbhm.org/transparency). Stanly County by this or other written correspondence will notice each of the counties served by Cardinal and Partners and the providers impacted by the disengagement. We will also solicit comments from consumers, advocates, self-advocates and State and Local Consumer and Family Advisory Committees (CFACs) using locally established communication methods such as mailings, routine stakeholder meetings, press releases and social media messaging. Stanly County will also post public comments on its website for at least thirty (30) calendar days.

As we work through this transition, Stanly County remains committed to facilitating and providing appropriate services for our residents. We will continue to work with Cardinal Innovations in a professional and appropriate manner and in the best interest of our organization and the residents of Stanly County. Additionally, we want to express our support for other counties in the Cardinal Innovations service area and their desire to see measurable and sustained change driven by a desire for residents to receive appropriate and timely behavioral health services.

Your kind review and consideration of this request and subsequent approval as soon as legal and operationally feasible is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Matthew J Swain, Chairman

Enclosure: Resolution
CC

Cc: Counties in the Cardinal and Partners catchment area

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