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Via Email and USPS Mail

October 19, 2020

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

Re: Union LME/MCO Disengagement and Realignment

Dear Secretary Cohen:

The enclosed resolution was adopted unanimously by the Union County Board of County Commissioners on Monday, October 19, 2020. Please accept this letter and resolution as Union County's written notices of its intent to disengage from Cardinal Innovations Healthcare and realign with Partners Health Management, consistent with applicable statutes and regulations. NCGS 122C-115 (a3); 10A NCAC 26C.0701 – 0703.

Our disengagement plan will be published shortly at our county website ([www.UnionCountyNC.us](http://www.UnionCountyNC.us)) and Partners' website at ([www.partnersbhm.org/transparency](http://www.partnersbhm.org/transparency)). Union County by this or other writing, will notice Cardinal and Partners counties 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 (CFAC's) using locally established communication methods, such as mailings, routine stakeholder meetings, press releases, and social media messages. Union County will post public comments on its website for at least thirty (30) calendar days.

As we work through this transition, Union 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 Union County. Additionally, we want to express our support for other counties in the Cardinal Innovations service area and their desire to see sustainable change that is driven by a desire for residents to receive appropriate and timely behavioral health services.

Please expect our formal written request for approval from the Secretary as soon as legally and operationally feasible.

Sincerely,

Jerry Simpson, Chairman

Enclosure: Resolution



cc: Counties in Cardinal and Partners catchment area

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