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To: Executive Directors, Behavioral Health Directors, and Utilization Managers  
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Re: Change in Clinical Management of Behavioral Health Services

The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has made a change in the Clinical Management of Behavioral Health Services (CMBHS) system. This change will allow providers to deviate individuals from Level of Care Authorized (LOC-A) = 1S into LOC-A = 1M. In order to do this, individuals must meet the following criteria:

1. Individual has an Level of Care Recommended = 1S, and
2. Individual has a current diagnosis of an Intellectual Disability

This change affects Initial and Update Assessments. Each provider must provide a deviation reason. Otherwise, providers must serve individuals in their assessed level of care.

Please direct any questions regarding this correction to Robert Dole, LCSW at (512) 206-5016 or [robert.dole@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:robert.dole@dshs.state.tx.us).