

**To:** All Trillium Members/Recipients and Stakeholders  
**From:** Cindy Ehlers, Executive Vice President  
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**Subject:** Olmstead Public Comment, Future Planning Opportunities, Out of the Darkness Walks

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Trillium Health Resources is pleased to announce that we are one of seven managed care organizations awarded a Behavioral Health Intellectual/Developmental Disability (I/DD) Tailored Plan contract to serve members and recipients in our region. Tailored Plans will coordinate integrated services for physical and serious behavioral health care needs, with a launch date of July 1, 2022.

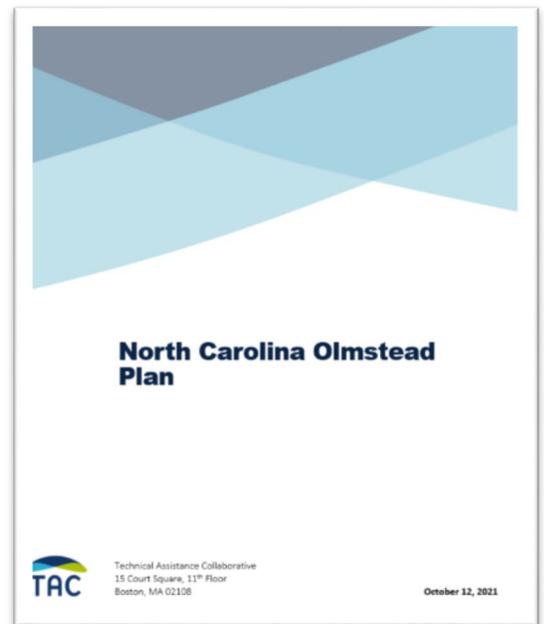
Medicaid members and state-funded recipients do not need to do anything at this time. Over the next year, we will share opportunities for members and recipients to learn about changes to procedures, new services available, and what to expect. Please follow our website or social media pages, and sign up to receive [text messages](#).

Trillium shares information with our members, their families or guardians, and our community stakeholders in a variety of ways, including this Member and Stakeholder Communication Bulletin. If you were forwarded this email and have not signed up to receive these notifications, you can do it on the link below.

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## OLMSTEAD PLAN PUBLIC COMMENTS

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) released a [draft of its Olmstead Plan](#) designed to assist people with disabilities to reside in and experience the full benefit of inclusive communities. **The plan is open for public comment through November 8, 2021.** NCDHHS encourages all interested individuals and organizations to provide comment on this draft plan. NCDHHS will publish the final, two-year plan in December and begin implementing activities outlined in the plan in calendar years 2022 and 2023.



## FUTURE PLANNING OPPORTUNITIES

Our Future Planning project provides education and financial assistance to set up accounts to support members after the death of a primary caregiver, and/or assist members with saving money for their future through special types of accounts.

### 🌱 What is a Special Needs Trust?

A type of trust specifically for persons with disabilities that provides goods and services while maintaining the eligibility or current level of needs-based public benefits.

### 🌱 What is an ABLE account?

A tax-advantaged savings account for individuals with disabilities and their families.

### WE ARE CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Members can apply for financial assistance using the [Future Planning Application](#) or by requesting an application to be mailed to them by contacting Trillium at 1-866-998-2597.

Members can also contact [FuturePlanning@TrilliumNC.org](mailto:FuturePlanning@TrilliumNC.org) to ask additional questions.

## OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALKS



My team will participate in Out of the Darkness walks this year in [Wrightsville Beach](#) (November 7), [Jacksonville](#), and [Elizabeth City](#) (both on November 13). Sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the walks help raise funds for awareness and education efforts to prevent suicide.

While the walks will take place virtually this year, each location will have certain opportunities to join together in person to show support. Visit the links above for more information.

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As always, members may contact our Call Center 24 hours a day through our [Member and Recipient Service Line at 1-877-685-2415](#). The health, safety, and overall well-being of our community is first and foremost in everything we do. To learn more, please check out [our website](#), follow us on [social media](#), or give us a call if you have any questions.

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