



## Network Communication Bulletin #037

**To:** All Providers  
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**Subject:** Senate Bill 630, Joint Communication Bulletin J316 - Reporting and Release Requirements for the Incident Response and Improvement System, Electronic Health Record Deadline, Health Information Exchange Webex Training

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### **SESSION LAW 2018-33 SENATE BILL 630**

Senate Bill 630 was passed by the N.C. General Assembly in June, 2018. This bill changes the involuntary commitment (IVC) laws of North Carolina by shifting the evaluations by physicians and licensed psychologists in the Emergency Departments to clinicians who are certified to perform the First Commitment Evaluations, wherever they are located. Managed care organizations (MCOs) will be seeking contracts with clinicians who have been trained and certified to do the First Commitment Examination and a health screening for individuals placed under an IVC. Senate Bill 630 also requires the MCOs to develop regional crisis plans, including transportation plans, in collaboration with law enforcement, hospitals, magistrates, and mental health providers to help navigate the IVC process.




Trillium will begin recruiting clinicians who have an interest in training for certification in First Commitment Evaluations and Health Screenings to comply with Senate Bill 630. Please consider adding this skill to your tool belt.

As Trillium continues to implement the directives of Senate Bill 630, we will share additional information with our network of providers. See link below for detailed information.

<https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2017/Bills/Senate/PDF/S630v5.pdf>

### **JOINT COMMUNICATION BULLETIN #J316**

This bulletin provides updated information regarding the requirements for submission of incident reports by providers who receive public fund and instructions regarding the release of Incident Response and Improvement System (IRIS) reports. These changes are effective immediately.

-  The new reporting requirements outlined in the Bulletin are effective immediately.
-  The change now requires providers, who receive public funds, to report incidents on members, regardless of the member's funding source (i.e. private insurance).
-  The Bulletin references NC Administrative Code 10A NCAC 27G Sections.0601 - .0610, that states providers who receive public funds are required to submit incident reports for individuals who are receiving or have received services from the provider within the last 90 days through IRIS.

- 🌱 All providers of opioid treatment programs, licensed by the Division of Health Service Regulation (DHSR) and receiving technical assistance and oversight services through the State Opioid Treatment Authority (SOTA), must report incidents to comply with IRIS and SOTA requirements.
- 🌱 Information is being added to the IRIS website that outlines requirements under 42 CFR 2.53. This regulation states that providers are required, *before submitting the incident information*, to obtain written agreement from the collecting state agency that the state agency agrees to specific conditions. The State has indicated that this Communication Bulletin and the provisions outlined in the JCB constitute the written agreement by NC DHHS to address the sharing of information between the agencies. Please view [HERE](#) for more information.

## **ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS DEADLINE**

Trillium providers must have an Electronic Health Record (EHR) in place by June 1, 2019 to continue to provide Medicaid and State billable services. This is to comply with the State's required Health Information Exchange (HIE) requirements (NC General Statutes 90-414.4). If this date is not extended by the State, any provider that does not have an HER in place that meets all the HIE requirements will no longer be eligible to provide services. Please click the link below for more information.

- <https://www.trilliumhealthresources.org/electronic-health-records-and-health-information-exchange>

## **HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE WEBEX TRAINING**

Trillium will offer a training to providers in January that covers HIE. Please [visit here](#) for more information and to register.

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Trillium occasionally announces open enrollment and RFPs for new and existing providers. Visit the [RFP RFA RFI Opportunities](#) page for listings.

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