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### **Columbus County to join Trillium Health Resources catchment area**

*Secretary Cohen approves resolution for realignment*

GREENVILLE, NC—Secretary Mandy Cohen with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services approved the request for Columbus County to join Trillium Health Resources's catchment area, bringing total counties served to 26. The Columbus County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution for the move in January 2017, which the Trillium Governing Board accepted on January 30, 2017.

Trillium and Columbus County will immediately start transition plans to meet the Secretary's deadline of July 1, 2018 for the realignment to become effective. Under N.C. General Statute 122C-115(a3), the Secretary has authority to approve any county's realignment with another managed care organization (MCO). Columbus County has complied with new rules for disengagement that went into effect February 1, 2017.

"Trillium looks forward to serving the residents of Columbus County. Through new relationships with providers and expanding current partnerships, Trillium will continue our mission of transforming the lives of people in need by providing them with ready access to quality care," commented Leza Wainwright, CEO of Trillium.

"Columbus County is excited about our move to align with Trillium. We feel that this will provide many of the services that our residents desperately need. Trillium has a proven record and serves many of our neighbors whom we are eager to partner with in the future," commented Columbus County Commissioner James Prevatte.

Trillium will share more information about the transition plan in the weeks to come with members, providers, and the public.

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## **ABOUT TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES**

Trillium Health Resources is a leading specialty care manager (LME/MCO) for individuals with substance use, mental illness and intellectual/developmental disabilities in 25 counties in eastern North Carolina.

Trillium's mission is to transform the lives of people in need by providing them with ready access to quality care. We take a person-centered approach to health and wellbeing, coordinating care across multiple systems to achieve improved health outcomes, quality of care and efficient use of resources.

Trillium is investing in innovation to meet the unique needs of the individuals and communities we serve, and remains focused on delivering the right services, in the right amount, at the right time. For more information, visit [www.TrilliumHealthResources.org](http://www.TrilliumHealthResources.org).

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