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The Athens County Board of DD (ACBDD) and the ATCO Board of Directors (ATCO) would like to release the following joint announcement:

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The ACBDD and ATCO is announcing that the ACBDD and ATCO will soon begin the process of complying with the federally mandated order from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regarding county boards of DD and conflict free case management.

The new federal rule calls for conflict-free case management for all county boards in the state. This mandate is in effect because there is an inherent conflict of interest for any county board that provides the services, monitors the services, and then receives funding for these services. To resolve this conflict, the ACBDD is required to transition away from providing Medicaid-funded services.

In order to comply with this mandate, the ACBDD and ATCO will be entering into a three year transition phase. This transition phase will encourage and assist individuals who receive day habilitation services from ATCO to begin the process of selecting other providers.

While this transitional decision is being made to support the federal CMS mandate of conflict free case management, it also supports the benchmarks the ACBDD was required to submit to the DODD regarding the reduction of day habilitation waiver services in October 2015, and an analysis of the current numbers of individuals receiving support at ATCO.

This transition phase will occur over the next three years, with an end goal of all individuals being transitioned to our local partner providers by January 2019. At that time, January 2019, ATCO will cease operations. The ACBDD has committed to keep all county board staff currently employed at ATCO to assist with the transition for this three year period, or until the transition is complete.

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The ACBDD will be naming a Transition Manager to lead and coordinate this process for individuals and their families. The ACBDD will also be developing a Transition Planning Committee to help facilitate this process. This Transition Planning Committee will be critical to this three year project. If you have a desire to serve on this group, please contact Stephanie Howell at (740) 594-3539.

We understand how difficult this transition will be for all involved. We are committed to ensuring quality services for individuals with developmental or intellectual disabilities during and after this transition.

We also understand that there will be many questions and concerns that will need to be addressed. In order to begin addressing these critical issues, the ACBDD will be hosting three agency wide informational and planning meetings (one per month over the next three months) for all concerned stakeholders, families, community members, and individuals to come together to discuss the next steps.

The first of these informational and planning meetings will be held on: Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 6pm in the ATCO Cafeteria.

The ACBDD and ATCO are committed to working together with individuals, their families, and our day service providers in Athens County to begin moving towards this federally mandated transition. We believe this three year period will allow all stakeholders time to prepare and select the best options for their chosen day service provider.

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