

Update on 1915 b/c Waiver Expansion

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Status of LME-MCO Transitions

- 56 counties now under the b/c waiver
 - Cardinal Innovations (PBH)
 - Western Highlands Network
 - ECBH
 - Smoky Mountain Center
- **December 1, 2012--Sandhills Center**
 - Guilford County will be added in April 2013

Readiness Review Schedule & Results

- **Partners BHM: November 6**
- **Alliance BHC: November 8**
- **CenterPoint HS: November 13**
- **Eastpointe: November 15**
- **CoastalCare: November 27, December 17**
 - Anticipated Start: Feb 1, 2013
- **MeckLink: November 30, December 19**
 - Anticipated Start: Feb 1, 2013
- **We are reviewing Mercer reports with MCOs as the reports are finalized to determine final start dates**

Status of LME-MCO Transitions

- DHHS has issued final start date of Feb 1, 2013
- If LME is not prepared for 2/1/13 start date, DHHS will transition MCO functions to another LME-MCO
- DHHS & Mercer have studied and identified several contingencies plans for any LME area that is not prepared to go live 2/1/13

Western Highlands Network (WHN) Update

- **Mercer on-site audit on October 4, 2012**
- **Report Summary**
 - Need stronger financial management staff & reporting
 - Need to update claims/IT system
 - Need organizational training around operating managed care
 - Progress: managed care consultant has completed needs assessment & workplan for MCO
 - Progress: RFP for new IT system
 - Progress: Finances improving
 - Progress: Financial reporting has been updated
- **DHHS has weekly Plan of Correction (POC) calls with WHN**
- **DMA Audit has begun desk review; will do onsite audit this month**
- **DHHS will be meeting with WHN/Board this month to discuss progress and contingency planning (if needed)**

Innovations Plus (Innovations (c) waiver)

SESSION LAW 2011-264, HB 916

- Design the Innovations Waiver in such a way as to serve the maximum number of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities within aggregate funding
- ...the Department shall..... deploy a system for the allocation of resources based on the reliable assessment of intensity of need

Innovations Plus—Phase #1

September 2012

- **All Innovations recipients are taking part in an standardized assessment called the Supports Intensity Scale (SIS)**
 - Reliable & valid instrument
 - Currently being used in 17 other states
 - Quantifiable: yields solid information about support needs
 - Results from the SIS are used for person-centered planning

Innovations Plus—Phase #1 Update

- Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) assessments have begun across the state
 - ~400 assessments have been completed so far
 - Each MCO area had 2-3 community trainings
 - Each MCO has an on-going stakeholder group
- Results from SIS assessments are used for individual service planning now.

Innovations Plus—Phase #2

- SIS results from a representative sample (5200+) will be used to develop a resource allocation model (a funding model) for NC
 - Developed by Human Services Research Institute (HSRI)
 - Each person will then be given an Individualized Budget Amount that is based on their level of need*
 - Planning-implementation: May-July 2013
- Plan development based on assessment of NEED

****Due process/appeal rights will always apply***

Innovations Plus—Phase #2 Update

- **HSRI has prepared training materials & FAQs on SIS/resource allocation**
 - DMA & MCO websites are being updated
- **Beginning in November, HSRI will go to each MCO site/stakeholder group to provide information, gain local input**
 - MCOs will continue those local stakeholder groups as the resource allocation model develops