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Traumatic Brain Injury & Medicaid Waiver Report*



TBI Waiver Overview

- Provision of Home and Community Based Services for Adults survivors of traumatic brain injuries (TBI)
- **Target population:** Adults with a TBI that occurred on or after their 22nd birthday who meet eligibility for nursing facilities or specialty rehabilitation hospitals
- **Level of Care:** Two-tiered waiver
 - Specialty rehabilitative: Higher level and will serve fewer people
 - Skilled nursing: Will serve the majority



Geographic Area

- **Where will it start: Alliance catchment area**
 - **Counties:** Cumberland, Durham, Johnston, and Wake
 - **Why:** Alliance has a mix of urban and rural areas
 - **Neuro Resource Facilitation:** Alliance is currently taking part in a neuro resource facilitation program with BIANC and DMH
 - **Resources:** Duke, UNC and Wake Med



Cost Limit and Cost Neutrality

- **Cost ceiling:** \$135,000
- **Average cost:** \$60,000 per person
 - **SNF average:** Around \$40,000
 - **Specialty hospital average:** Around \$117,000



Number of People over Three Years

- Year 1: 49
- Year 2: 99
- Year 3: 107



TBI and NC Innovations Waiver Option

- Amend the NC Innovations Waiver to integrate adults with a TBI into the home and community-based service array
- The integration of individuals with a TBI will continue to be a phased approach
- Target population will continue to be individuals over age 22 with a TBI who have long-term and rehabilitative needs
- Will build on experience, capacity and capital gained from the current successful administration of NC Innovations



Potential Positives with Amendment

- Shorter timeframe for approval by CMS
 - A new waiver can take 12 to 18 months for approval
 - An amendment typically takes 6 months for approval
- Individuals 21 years of age and younger, currently on the NC Innovations Waiver, will have access to TBI specific services
 - Life skills training, neurobehavioral residential, extend clinical
- Individuals over age 21 with TBI will have access to an expanded service array found under NC Innovations
 - Supported living, self-directed services, individual goods and services, and more flexible assistive technology and home modification
- Cost neutrality will be maintained by leveraging ICF-IID level of care



Questions