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Beneficiary/LRP Alignment of 1915(i) Eligibility and Care Plan/ISP to the Birth Month

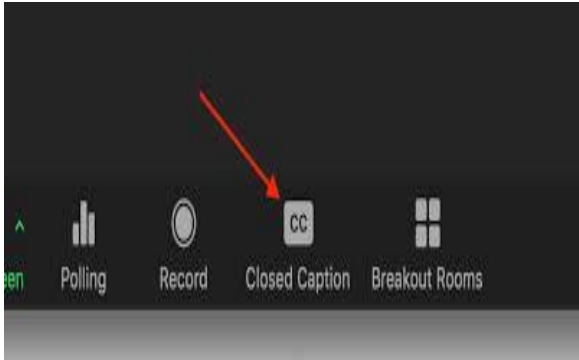
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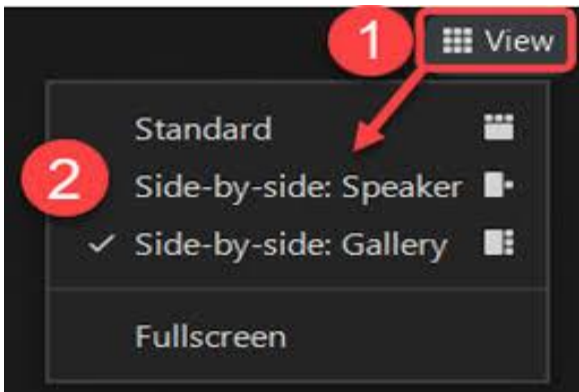


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Guest Speakers

NC Medicaid, Division of Health Benefits

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Adult Mental Health Policy Consultant

1915(i) Background

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1915(i) services from NC Medicaid help you live in your own home and community instead of a care facility.

1915(i) services are for children and adults with mental health conditions, substance use disorders, traumatic brain injuries or intellectual/developmental disabilities.

1915(i) services can help you:

- Learn skills to live at home
- Learn skills to participate in the community
- Find a job that matches your skills
- Move out of an approved setting to your own home
- Give you and your caregivers a break (respite)

1915(i) Assessment

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- The 1915(i) assessment determines eligibility for the 1915(i) benefit with NC Medicaid.
- The 1915(i) assessment is completed by a Care Manager(CM) or Care Coordinator(CC) with a beneficiary and their legally responsible person, if applicable.
- The 1915(i) reassessment is completed at least annually, or when there are changes in a beneficiary's needs.

Purpose for change to 1915(i) Birth Month Process

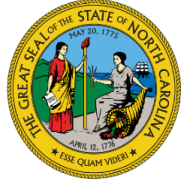
Purpose of Birth Month Alignment

- Effective October 1, 2026, the annual reassessment timeline will change to align with a beneficiary's birth month.
 - Ex. If a beneficiary's birth month is October, the 1915(i) eligibility, Care Plan/ISP, and 1915(i) service authorization will start on November 1st of each year.
- This means a beneficiary's annual reassessment will occur on a predictable schedule and reduce the risk of a lapse in 1915(i) service delivery for a beneficiary that continues to be eligible for the 1915(i) benefit.
- During the transition to birth month alignment, the CM/CC may need to conduct more than one reassessment in a 12-month period to align a beneficiary's 1915(i) eligibility with their birth month.

1915(i) Birth Month Process Timeline

How will a beneficiary transition to the birth month process

- If a beneficiary's 1915(i) eligibility ends **before** their birth month:
 - Care Manager/Coordinator (CM/CC) will complete a Transitional/Gap Assessment
 - Sixty (60) days before beneficiary's birth month, the CC/CM will complete an annual reassessment
- If a beneficiary's 1915(i) eligibility ends **after** their birth month:
 - Sixty (60) days before beneficiary's birth month, the CC/CM will complete an annual reassessment

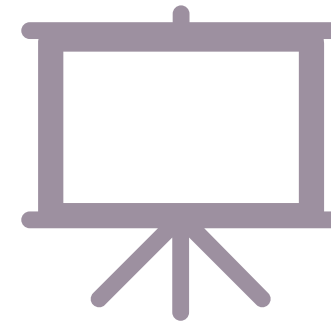


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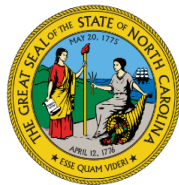
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