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Subject: Temporary Extension of North Carolina's Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) 1915 (b) Waiver Program and Concurrent 1915 (c) Innovations Waiver

On September 25, 2018, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) granted North Carolina a temporary extension (TE) of North Carolina's Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) 1915(b) waiver program and the concurrent 1915(c) Innovations waiver. This temporary extension will expire on December 29, 2018. As CMS has suggested that we start on January 1, 2019. The State will submit a second TE to CMS to cover December 30th and 31st as a TE can only be requested for 90 days.

The NC Innovations waiver will continue to operate at cost and utilization levels approved for the fifth year of the waiver. The NC Innovations Individual Cost Limit of \$135,000 per year will continue to reset with the participants approved annual Individual Support Plans.

Authorizations for services that have 'Life of the Waiver' financial limits (Home Modifications, Vehicle Modifications, and Assistive Technology) may not exceed those limitations. Once the waiver is renewed, those limits will start over.

CMS is granting North Carolina this extension to complete the submission of the waiver renewal applications and to align the waiver effective dates with the federal fiscal year (FFY) quarters.

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