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To: Local Management Entities/Managed Care Organizations (LME-MCOs), NC
Innovations Beneficiaries, and NC Innovations Providers

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Subject: NC Innovations Waiver Amendment: Budget Limit for Beneficiaries
Receiving Supported Living Level III

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved a technical amendment to North Carolina's 1915(c) Innovations which allows exception to the \$135,000 waiver limit. This change is effective May 1, 2020.

NC Innovations beneficiaries may exceed \$135,000 Waiver Cost Limit to ensure health, safety and wellbeing, if the following criteria is met:

- The individual lives independently without his or her family in a home that s/he owns, rents or leases, and
- The individual receives Supported Living Level III, and
- The individual requires 24 hour support.

Individuals requesting services and supports in excess of the \$135,000 cost limit must make this request through the Individual Support Plan or Plan Update process. Services and Supports that exceed the \$135,000 must be prior approved by the beneficiary's LME/MCO and must be related to the beneficiary's needs and not for the convenience of the provider agency or caregiver.

If you have any questions, please call Kenneth Bausell at 919-527-7643 or e-mail Kenneth.Bausell@dhhs.nc.gov.

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