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SUBJECT: **Clarification on the NC Innovations Slot Allocation Process**

This Joint Communication Bulletin provides clarification on the NC Innovations slot allocation process.

The Division of Health Benefits equitably distributes NC Innovations slots to the local management entities/managed care organizations (LME/MCOs) based on a per capita basis calculated as the number of slots multiplied by the Medicaid population in each LME/MCO's catchment area (region) divided by the population of the State.

- Once the NC Innovations Slots are distributed to each LME/MCO, equitable distribution of the slots are made available to the counties (subdivisions) on a per capita basis calculated as the number of slots multiplied by the Medicaid population of the county (subdivision) divided by the population in the LME/MCO's catchment area.
- Equitable distribution is determined by an annual check of the population of each county served by the LME/MCO and compared against the NC Innovations enrollment in each county.
- Within each county (subdivision), the slots shall be filled on a first-come, first-served basis determined by the length of time an individual has been on the waiting list.
- The LME/MCO must notify individuals receiving turn over slots at the start of the Innovations Waiver year as expediently as possible, taking no more than two months to inform beneficiaries of their slot allocation.

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If a specific county (subdivision) has no referrals, the unused waiver slots will be reallocated among remaining counties (subdivisions) of the NC Innovations region based on equitable distribution of the individuals waiting.

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