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To: Local Management Entities-Managed Care Organizations (LME-MCOs)

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Subject: Technical Extension of North Carolina's 1915 (b) Waiver and Concurrent  
1915 (c) Innovations Waiver

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) granted North Carolina a technical extension (TE) of North Carolina's 1915(b) waiver program and the concurrent 1915(c) Innovations waiver until June 27, 2019.

CMS has suggested that the new waiver start on July 1, 2019. NC Medicaid will submit as second TE to CMS to cover June 28, 2019 through June 30, 2019, as a TE can only be requested for 90 days. Medicaid continues to work with CMS towards the renewal of the waiver.

For current participants, 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. CMS is granting North Carolina this extension to review the waiver renewal applications and to align the waiver effective dates with federal fiscal year quarters.

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.

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