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Attention:

**Community Alternatives Program for Children (CAP/C)
Stakeholders
and
Community Alternatives Program for Disabled Adults
(CAP/DA) Stakeholders**

1915 (c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver

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In 2011, the N.C. Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) implemented a project to merge two Community Alternatives Program Waivers – Community Alternatives Program for Children (CAP/C) and Community Alternatives Program for Disabled Adults (CAP/DA). Between 2011 - 2012 work groups met to identify waiver processes to aid in the merger of these two waivers. These work groups analyzed the six waiver assurances to identify similarities, differences and methods for consolidation. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) implemented a Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule to encourage states to combine waivers that targets similar populations.

DMA will submit a waiver request amendment to CMS by April 30, 2015, to accomplish three goals:

1. Consolidating the CAP/C and CAP/DA waivers;
2. Continuation of waiver services for children due to the expiration of the CAP/C waiver scheduled for June 30, 2015, and
3. Complying to the requirements for the HCBS Final Rule established by CMS.

To reach the goal of consolidating these two waivers, DMA must implement new policies for the governance for the CAP waiver. The clinical coverage policy and the waiver renewal request must be submitted within 90 days of the proposed implementation date.

In order to assure the needs of these combined populations are addressed, DMA is seeking initial comments and suggestions from all interested parties to inform the waiver amendment and the newly proposed clinical policy.

These comments and suggestions need to be submitted to DMA by December 9, 2014.

Address comments to:

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Important Links:

Clinical Coverage Policy 3K-2, *Community Alternatives Program for Disabled Adults*
www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/mp/3K2.pdf

Clinical Coverage Policy 3K-1, *Community Alternatives Program Children:*
www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/mp/3K1.pdf

Electronic claims must be transmitted and completed by 5:00 p.m. on the cut-off date to be included in the next checkwrite. Any claims transmitted after 5:00 p.m. will be processed on the second checkwrite following the transmission date.

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