



**Community Alternatives Program 1915 (c) HCBS
Waiver
July 18, 2016**

**Department of Health and Human Services
Stakeholder Engagement**



DMA Priorities

- **Ensure availability of services to medically complex children**
- **Listen to and collaborate with individuals, families, providers, etc.**



What is a waiver?

- **Optional service provision to Medicaid State Plan**
- **Ability to waive certain Medicaid program requirements**
 - Statewide availability (target regional areas or providers)
 - Comparability of services
 - Income and resource rules applicable in the community
- **The waiver must be no more costly than the average per person costs of providing institutional care**
 - Must be identified in the original waiver application and annually
- **Requirements under Social Security Act**
 - Provide services to transition individuals from institutions to the community

Why do waivers exist?

- **Protect the health, safety and well-being of individuals through a person-centered plan of care**
- **Allow institutional level of care at home**
- **Provide cost efficient services**



Waiver requirements

- **Demonstrate waiver cost-effectiveness**
- **Identify:**
 - Number of individuals served
 - Target population
- **Development of individualized plan of care**
 - Waiver and non-waiver services

What is EPSDT?

- **Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment**
 - Federal Medicaid requirement
 - Services for beneficiaries under 21 years old
- **Covers medically necessary care to correct a:**
 - Defect
 - Physical illness
 - Mental illness
 - Health problem identified through a screening examination (performed by a physician or licensed practitioner)
- **Mandatory Requirements**
 - Full access to state plan services
 - Medically necessary as determined by 1905A of the Social Security Act
 - Waivers exclusively for children may not provide services offered through State Plan

Next steps

- Host additional listening sessions across North Carolina
- Offer one-on-one meetings through August
- Identify strategies with the work group to meet needs of medically-complex children
- Refine waiver application

Contact us

- **Online**

- <http://dma.ncdhhs.gov/community-alternatives-children-capc-1915c-waiver>

- **In person**

- Sign up for one-on-one sessions by visiting the website to register.

- **Email/ Phone**

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- **By U.S. Postal Service**

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