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**Attention:
Community Alternatives Program For Children (CAP/C)
Case Management Agencies**

**CAP/C 1915(c)
Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS)
Waiver**

The N.C. Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) is working with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to amend the July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2015 HCBS waiver for CAP/C. The HCBS waiver was approved for a five-year waiver cycle by CMS in 2010 and expired on June 30, 2015.

CMS granted DMA a temporary extension to allow waiver recipients to continue receiving services without interruption while DMA works to amend the waiver for another five-years. The extension allows DMA to continue administering the CAP/C program using the projections and regulations approved in the fifth year of the five-year waiver cycle.

DMA is hosting listening sessions, one-on-one meetings and workgroup sessions to engage CAP/C stakeholders in the development of the waiver amendment to ensure the needs of medically fragile children are carefully planned and incorporated.

During the waiver extension, utilization limits such as unduplicated participant count and limits on vehicle and home modifications must be followed.

An analysis conducted by DMA confirmed the number of waiver participants currently served has exceeded the 2010 - 2015 projected unduplicated participant count in the CAP/C waiver. Therefore, a temporary statewide waitlist for individuals seeking approval to participate in the CAP/C program will be implemented.

The statewide waitlist will become effective Aug. 15, 2016. Individuals applying for CAP/C services on or after Aug. 15, 2016 will be placed on a statewide waitlist if the referral and level of care requirements are met. All CAP/C stakeholders are encouraged to continue to submit referrals. Case management agencies should continue to accept and process referrals. DMA will make an announcement with instructions when the statewide waitlist is lifted.

Case Management agencies need to communicate this bulletin to providers by close of business Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2016. Providers need to communicate this bulletin to the parent or legal guardian of a CAP/C beneficiary.

Those with questions can contact the CAP unit at 919-855-4360.

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