

# North Carolina Medicaid Special Bulletin

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**Attention:  
Providers of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and  
Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities Services**

**Local Management Entities (LMEs) – Managed Care  
Organizations (MCOs)**

**1915 (b)/(c) Waiver Expansion**

**Cardinal Innovations to oversee 1915 (b)/(c) Medicaid waivers in Mecklenburg County**

Please note the following new or updated details about the 1915(b)/(c) Medicaid waiver expansion and the changes it will mean to Medicaid providers and beneficiaries.

Based on SL 2011-264, HB 916, the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) was required to make a decision by January 1, 2013 on operation of all of the 1915 (b)/(c) waivers. DHHS has determined that Cardinal Innovations will assume operation of the 1915 (b)/(c) waiver in Mecklenburg County.

DHHS will work with Cardinal Innovations and MeckLINK Behavioral Healthcare to ensure a smooth and successful transition and to determine a final transition date. Medicaid beneficiaries in Mecklenburg County will be notified that Cardinal Innovations will be managing their Medicaid-reimbursable mental health, substance abuse, and intellectual/developmental disability services in individual notices.

More information for providers and beneficiaries on enrollment and service transitions will be published in an updated Medicaid bulletin.