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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 in
Mecklenburg County**

Status of 1915 (b)/(c) Medicaid Waiver Expansion in Mecklenburg County

This Bulletin supersedes information published in the [January Special Medicaid Bulletin](#) published earlier this month. At this time, the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) rescinds its assignment of the 1915 b/c waiver operations in Mecklenburg County to Cardinal Innovations Healthcare Solutions. **This means that at this time, providers of mental health, substance abuse, and intellectual/developmental disability services should continue to cooperatively work with MeckLINK.**

Following passage of SL 2011-264, HB 916, DHHS has been working with Local Management Entities (LMEs) across the state to implement managed behavioral healthcare under the 1915 b/c waivers. As part of that effort, DHHS has been engaged in on-going discussions with MeckLINK LME to ensure that beneficiaries in Mecklenburg County receive the best possible continuity of care through the transition to a managed care model for behavioral health services.

Based on the on-going discussions between MeckLINK and DHHS, it has been determined that MeckLINK shall continue its efforts to “go live.” **MeckLINK’s “go live” date is March 1, 2013.** DHHS will continue to closely monitor MeckLINK’s readiness progress over the next several weeks and DHHS will make the final determination of oversight of 1915 b/c waiver operations in Mecklenburg County in mid-February.

Additional guidance will be published in an updated Medicaid Bulletin.