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Attention:

**Community Alternatives Program for Disabled
Adults (CAP/DA) Lead Agencies**

**Community Alternatives Program
for Disabled Adults
1915 (c) Home and Community-Based
Services (HCBS) Waiver**

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The 1915 (c) HCBS waiver for the Community Alternatives Program for Disabled Adults (CAP/DA) program is scheduled to expire September 30, 2013. The N.C. Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) will submit a revision to *Clinical Coverage Policy 3K-2 CAP/DA-Choice* and a waiver renewal request to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The clinical coverage policy and the renewal request must be submitted within 90 days of the CAP/DA waiver deadline.

DMA is seeking comments and suggestions for any desired changes to *Clinical Coverage Policy 3K-2 CAP/DA-Choice* from all interested parties. A draft of the proposed *Clinical Coverage Policy 3K-2 CAP/DA-Choice* will be posted for a 45-day public comment period from July 1, 2013 to August 15, 2013.

Clinical Coverage Policy 3K-2 CAP/DA-Choice, which is the foundation for the CAP/DA waiver renewal request, will propose a number of changes. Some of these changes include:

1. *Clinical Coverage Policy 3K-2 CAP/DA-Choice* will be updated to clearly provide guidance for administering CAP/DA statewide. This policy revision coincides with the parameters of waiver administration and the mandated six waiver assurances outlined by CMS. The clinical coverage policy introduces new processes and provides more explanations of waiver terms and procedures.
2. The CAP/DA waiver has the slot capacity to serve a total of 11, 214 beneficiaries statewide. The slot capacity will not change. The waiver has statewide guidelines for prioritization of those slots which come open through attrition.
3. Case managers will have access to a new Web-based case management tool known as e-CAP. The e-CAP system is a Web-based software application developed by VieBridge, Inc. to support the operation of the Community Alternatives Program for Children (CAP/C) and CAP/DA waiver programs operated under the provisions of 1915 (c) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS). E-CAP is designed to assist case managers to assess beneficiary needs, develop plans of care and monitor beneficiaries' status once plans are implemented.
4. The current contract with the Carolina Centers of Medical Excellence (CCME) to execute an on-line case management tool (AQUIP) for each CAP/DA Lead Agency was terminated on May 26, 2013. AQUIP is no longer available for use by the Lead Agencies effective May 22, 2013. With the termination of this contract and the need for an advanced Web-based case management tool, DMA is in the process of executing a new IT system to support case management and business processes for all Lead Agencies and providers.

This new IT tool will be available by August 2013. Training for this new tool will be provided by DMA in July 2013. In the interim (May 22-July 31, 2013), Lead Agencies will capture assessments and plans of care activities on an AQUIP

PDF version Client Information sheet, Client Data Set and the Plan of Care form provided by DMA. A memorandum was provided to each Lead Agency with clear directions on the use of these forms on May 20, 2013.