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**Attention:
Local Management Entities (LMEs)
Providers of Services for Individuals with Intellectual and
Developmental Disabilities (IID)**

1915 (c) Innovations Waiver Expansion

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The N.C. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is developing a process for assigning an individualized budget amount to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities who receive services through the Innovations or CAP-I/DD waivers. Doing so will create a more equitable system, use resources more effectively and efficiently, and help assure that people get the right supports to meet their needs.

As part of this effort, DHHS will administer the Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) to participating waiver recipients. SIS is a nationally recognized assessment that measures the level of supports required by people with disabilities to lead quality lives in their home community. Instead of focusing on deficiencies, SIS helps determine the type, amount, and intensity of supports that are needed for someone to live successfully.

From August 2012 through September 2013, DHHS will collect information on support needs from a representative sample of 5,200 N.C. Innovations and CAP I/DD waiver beneficiaries. This 5,200-person sample will include both adults and children in all North Carolina LME-MCO catchment areas. It will include individuals living in staffed community residences, as well as in their own homes. These evaluations will be conducted by people employed by the American Association of Intellectual and Development Disabilities (AAIDD), as well as SIS-trained and -certified LME-MCO staff.

All 5,200 SIS interviews will be scheduled by the Developmental Disabilities Training Institute (DDTI). People chosen as part of the sample will be receiving a letter from DDTI and their LME-MCO. Throughout 2013, everyone who receives waiver services will receive a SIS assessment. The information gathered during the SIS assessment will be used as part of the person-centered planning process.

DDTI will conduct Community Forums to provide information on SIS and its implementation. Below is a schedule of Community Forums, listed by LME-MCO. For information on registering for these forums, visit <http://ddti.unc.edu/CommForSIS.asp>. Additional forums are being scheduled. Information on those forums will also be posted at the website listed above.

East Carolina Behavioral Health

- September 11, 6 p.m.-9 p.m. – PCC, Goess Multipurpose Room, Greenville
- September 13, 6 p.m.-9 p.m. – New Bern-Craven County Public Library, New Bern
- September 18, 6 p.m.-9 p.m. – Edgewood Board Room, Elizabeth City
- September 20, 6 p.m.-9 p.m. – MCC, Auditorium, Williamston

Partners Behavioral Health Management

- August 31, 9 a.m.-noon - The Foothills Higher Education Center, Morganton
- September 6, 9 a.m.-noon - The Auditorium, Gastonia
- September 14, 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m. - Iredell County Agriculture Resource Center, Statesville

CenterPoint Human Services

- September 27, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. - 4025 University Parkway, Winston-Salem
- September 27, 6 p.m.-9 p.m. - 4025 University Parkway, Winston-Salem

Alliance Behavioral Healthcare

- September 21, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. - Johnston County Cooperative Extension, Smithfield
- September 24, 5 p.m.-8 p.m. - Alliance Behavioral Healthcare, Durham
- September 26, 9 a.m.-noon - Alliance Behavioral Healthcare, Durham

Eastpointe Human Services

- October 22, 9 a.m.-noon - Mount Olive College, Mount Olive

Mecklenburg

- October 23, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. - Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte

Sandhills

- November 1, 9 a.m.-noon - Dennis Wicker Civic Center, Sanford
- November 2, 9 a.m.-noon - Guilford County Cooperative Extension, Greensboro

CoastalCare

- October 10, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. - CoastalCare, Wilmington
- October 16, 5 p.m.-8 p.m. - Western Park Community Center, Cedar Point
- October 17, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. - Cape Fear Community College, Wilmington

Western Highlands Network

- October 25, 4 p.m.-7 p.m. - Burnsville, NC
- October 26, 9 a.m.-noon - Isothermal Community College, Spindale
- October 26, 4 p.m.-7 p.m. - Pack Memorial Library, Asheville

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