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# NC Innovations Waiver -Proposed Waiver Changes

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# Topics

- Public Comment
- NC Innovations Waiver
- Proposed Waiver Changes
- Reserve Capacity for Military
- Appendix C – Service Definitions
- Relative as Provider
- New Facility Capacity



# Public Comment

- Public Comment will be reviewed by the State Stakeholder Group on Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.



# NC Innovations Waiver

- 1915(c) waiver
- Home and Community Based Services Waiver
- Allows states to “waive” some of the standard federal Medicaid rules
  - Specific populations and eligibility requirements
  - Additional services
  - Use Medicaid funding to support people in their homes and communities



## NC Innovations Waiver

- Adults and children with I/DD
- Would otherwise qualify for institutional services
- 12,488 people are on the Waiver



# Increased Military Capacity

## **Increases Capacity for:**

- Individuals who were receiving Innovations waiver services prior to family transferring to another state and have now returned to North Carolina will be prioritized for Innovations waiver funding.



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# Appendix C

New Services



## Appendix C – Service Definitions

### **Community Living and Supports:**

- New Blended Service
- Combines current Personal Care, In-home Skill Building and In-home Intensive services
- This more comprehensive category will allow for habilitation, supervision and support, and will be more flexible



## Appendix C – Service Definitions

### **Community Navigator:**

- New Service (Formerly Community Guide)
- Annual Informational Session on Self Direction and Self Determination
- Promotes Self Determinations
- Promotes Self-Direction
- Develops Community Connections



## Appendix C – Service Definitions

### Supported Living:

- New Service
- Daily service for individuals who live in a their own home without licensure– 2 to 3 people
- The house or apartment is not be owned or rented by the provider
- May include a Live-in Caregiver
- Includes a Special Needs adjustment



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# Appendix C

Services With Changes



## Appendix C – Service Definitions

### Community Networking:

- Clarification that Community Networking can link an individual to a volunteer setting if the individual requires paid supports to participate once connected with the activity
- Added payment for memberships when the individual will be participating in an integrated class



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### **Community Transition:**

- Community Transition has a limit of \$5000.00 per Waiver period
- Allows for individuals to access Community Transition when stepping down from AFLs, PRTFs, and family homes when moving to a home of their own



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### **Crisis Services:**

- Allows for the prevention of Crisis through Crisis Consultation
- Crisis Consultation includes:
  - Facilitation of up to Monthly Team Meetings.
  - Training and education for Natural Supports and direct supports staff.
  - Develop and implement strategies.



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### Day Supports:

- Primarily a Group service
- Emphasizes inclusion and independence
- Individuals 16 or older or new to the service will receive education on other types of meaningful day activities.
- Day Supports can start or end in the community



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### Residential Supports:

- Residential Supports levels are determined by the Individual Budgeting Table Category
- Staff who provide Residential Supports should not provide other waiver services to the beneficiary
- Respite may be used to provide relief to individuals who reside in Licensed and Unlicensed AFLs.



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### **Respite:**

- Provider Agencies - Agencies with Choice follow State Nursing Board Regulations
- Nursing Respite Provider - State Nursing Board Regulations must be followed



## Appendix C – Service Definitions

### **Respite continued:**

- Respite can be used in AFL but not on same day as Residential Supports
- Allows for the person receiving services to have relief at his/ her choice



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### **Specialized Consultative Services:**

- This service may be used for evaluations for adults when the State Plan limits have been exceeded
- Clarification that Specialized Consultative services can be provided by “other licensed professionals” who have I/DD experience



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### **Supported Employment:**

- Improved access to Supported Employment service by removing three-year experience requirement
- Provides technical support to potential employers regarding Federal ADA accommodations and requirements
- Added Long Term Follow-up



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### **Assistive Technology:**

- Removed exhaustive lists
- Added broad categories
- Allows for the repair of equipment
- Allows for connectivity and smart home technology.
- Cost Limit: \$ 50,000 over the life of the waiver (Home Modifications and Assistive Tech.)



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### Home Modifications:

- Removed exhaustive list
- Cost Limit: \$ 50,000 over the life of the waiver (Home Modifications and Assistive Tech.)



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## **Vehicle Modifications:**

- Allows for lifting and lowering devices.



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# Appendix C

Services Without Changes



## Appendix C – Service Definitions

- Financial Support Services
- Individual Goods and Services
- Natural Supports and Education



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Removed Services



## Appendix C – Service Definitions

### **Personal Care:**

- Definition removed

### **In Home Skill Building:**

- Definition removed

### **In Home Intensive Support:**

- Definition Removed



## Relatives as Providers

- Community living and Support is the only waiver services that may be provided by a relative who resides in the home of the individual
- It is recommended that a relative provide no more 40 hours per week of service to the individual



# New Facility Capacity

- New Facility capacity increased to four beds



# Questions?

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