MEMORANDUM

TO: LME Directors

FROM: Leza Wainwright

SUBJECT: Allocation of Additional CAP-MR/DD Slots

Attached please find a worksheet displaying each LME’s allocation of new CAP-MR/DD slots for the Supports (Tier 1) and Comprehensive Waiver. These new slots are available immediately. Our federally approved waivers and guidance from the General Assembly require us to redistribute slots if they are not used promptly, so I encourage you to promptly begin identifying individuals to fill these slots.

As you recall, the General Assembly transferred one-half ($8 million) of the $16 million that was reduced from our budget for state funds supplementing the CAP-MR/DD benefits to the Division of Medical Assistance to fund these new slots. With this funding, we are able to allocate an additional 950 Supports Waiver slots and 225 Comprehensive Waiver slots. Per the legislative language, the new Comprehensive Waiver slots result in there being a “partial freeze” on that waiver. That means that none of the slots that may have become vacant last year can be filled, but we do have these new 225 slots to help address the waiting list for Comprehensive Waiver services.

The new slots have been allocated on the formula which the General Assembly mandated be developed to equalize the distribution of slots across LMEs. With the allocation of the 950 Supports Waiver slots, every LME (except PBH, which does not have a Supports Waiver) will have 13 slots per every 100,000 people in the catchment area. The Comprehensive Waiver slots were allocated on a “catch-up” formula basis with 112 of the new slots allocated on a straight per capita basis to every LME and 113 allocated just to those thirteen (13) LMEs whose allocation of slots is below the statewide per capita average. Please note that since slots are not permanently assigned to any LME, we used paid claims for individuals served on the waiver during the period July – October to determine the current number of slots in each LME.

We know that many of you had to make significant reductions in services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities as a result of the reductions the General Assembly made
in state funding. We believe that these new CAP-MR/DD resources will help to address some of the decrease in services to this very vulnerable population.

Please contact your LME liaison or Rose Burnette at Rose.Burnette@dhhs.nc.gov if you have questions.

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