

Comparison: Current Innovations Waiver and 2016 Amendment

Note: This comparison document is intended to provide an overview only. For comprehensive information about each NC Innovations service, please review the 2016 Technical Amendment to the NC Innovations Waiver.

Service/Topic	Current Waiver	Amendment
Relatives as providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No more than 40 hours recommended May provide Personal Care, In-Home Skill Building, In-Home Intensive Support, Residential Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May exceed 56 hours if providing more than 56 hours on 12/31/2015 May provide Community Living and Support only Children under 18 may not receive services from relatives living in home
Bed size for new facilities	Three	Four
Military families slot reinstatement	No priority if leave and return to NC	Reinstatement priority if leave and return to NC
Resource Allocation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Needs Matrix Currently operates in Cardinal Innovations' Piedmont Region Four matrices with seven categories: A1-G1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual Budget Tool Statewide expansion Four categories with seven levels: A-G Two-year phase-in
New service: Community Living and Support		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blended service of habilitation, support and supervision Transition to this new service when current authorization ends, no later than annual Individual Support Plan (ISP)
New service: Supported Living		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enables independent living Member must own or rent
Assistive Technology – Equipment and Supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List of items covered is exhaustive Limit of \$15,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List of items is not exhaustive May be used for evaluation when Medicaid State Plan limits are reached Hot tubs, Jacuzzis, and pools are excluded Combined limit of \$50,000 for both Assistive Technology – Equipment and Supplies and Home Modifications
Community Guide name change/new activities	Community Guide	Community Navigator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual self-determination session Supports person-centered planning Assistance with economic/legal resources
Community Networking	No memberships covered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pays for memberships for integrated classes Can be used to refer/link after member is connected to activity Disallows volunteer work for activities that are traditionally paid
Community Transition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can be used once per member lifetime Available only for transition from facility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can be used once per member, per the life of the waiver Can be used to transition from a private (family) home to independent living

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Crisis Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff meet Managed Care Organization's (MCO's) competencies Primary Crisis Response terminology is no longer used 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary Crisis renamed Crisis Intervention and Stabilization Comprehensive Crisis Plan must be updated with the team within 14 days of a crisis Crisis Intervention and Stabilization authorized up to 14 calendar days Out-of-Home Crisis authorized up to 30 calendar days Requires staff access to psychiatrist, psychiatric nurse practitioner/physician's assistant and licensed psychologist Staff providing Crisis Services – including first response activities – shall demonstrate strong clinical skills, professional qualifications, experience and competency Staff must meet all applicable competency requirements – including crisis prevention, intervention and resolution techniques and trauma-informed care – as set by the MCO
Day Supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirement to start or end day at licensed facility Billed in 15-minute units 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance at facility once per week unless approved by the MCO Billed in one hour units If new to the service, provide information on all day options as part of the decision-making process Primarily a group service
Home Modifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$20,000 limit Exhaustive list of items covered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combined limit of \$50,000 for Assistive Technology – Equipment & Supplies and Home Modifications List of items is not exhaustive
Natural Supports Education	Conference fees covered for primary caregiver	Conference fees covered for natural support network
Residential Supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicle modifications are not available to members receiving Residential Supports Availability of Assistive Technology – Equipment & Supplies not addressed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary Alternative Family Living (AFL) staff should not provide other waiver services to member Assistive Technology – Equipment & Supplies and Vehicle Modifications may be accessed if they can be transitioned with member
Respite	May not be used in licensed facilities and AFLs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be used in AFLs Includes relief from primary caregiver(s)
Specialized Consultation	Specialty areas: psychology, behavior intervention, speech therapy, therapeutic recreation, augmentative communication, assistive technology equipment, physical therapy, occupational therapy or nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added licensed professionals with IDD experience in specialty areas May be used for evaluations when Medicaid State Plan limits are reached
Supported Employment	Items added by amendment not addressed in current waiver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides technical support on Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to employers Transportation available when staffing not needed
Vehicle Modifications	Exhaustive list of covered items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added to list: Lowering devices and modifications for accessibility Available in residential facilities if vehicle is owned by the member and can transfer with the member