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To: Local Management Entities/Managed Care Organizations/Health Plans

From: Division of Health Benefits, Behavioral Health, I/DD Unit

Subject: Accrued Funds in NC Innovations Waiver Self-Direction Model

This notice provides guidance on the usage of accrued funds in the self-direction model of the Innovations waiver. Effective January 1, 2026, Health Plans providing NC Innovations waiver services, NC Innovations waiver Financial Support Service (FSS) Providers, and members in the Innovations waiver self-direction model shall adhere to the guidance in the attached policy.

Implementation Guidance:

- Health plans and providers of Innovations waiver self-directed services shall update self-direction processes and resource materials to align with the accrued funds policy.
- The accruing of funds will not exceed the member's annual plan year.
- Effective January 1, 2026 accrued funds must be used 6 months after the member's current plan expires.
- This guidance will be included in revised version of Clinical Coverage Policy 8P.
- The I/DD unit will further discuss implementation at the Innovations waiver Individual and Family Directed Services workgroup.

Please refer any questions to [racine.allen@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:racine.allen@dhhs.nc.gov).

Enclosure: NC Innovations Accrued Funds Policy

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