

**Department of Health and Human Services**  
**1915 b/c Waiver Expansion (Behavioral Health Managed Care)**  
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SL 2011, HB 916 required DHHS to roll-out Medicaid managed care using Local Management Entities (LMEs) as Medicaid vendors. LMEs were required to prove 'readiness' as evaluated by Mercer Human Services Consulting, to operate managed care operations according to the Medicaid contract. Nine of 11 LMEs have passed readiness reviews to begin by February 1, 2013. Final expansion must be completed by July 1, 2013.

- Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) currently operating under the waiver\*\*
  - Cardinal Innovations (formerly PBH)--2005
  - Western Highlands Network (WHN)--January 2012
  - East Carolina Behavioral Health (ECBH)--April 2012
  - Smoky Mountain Center (SMC)--July 2012
  - Sandhills Center--December 2012
    - Will add Guilford county in April 2013
  - Eastpointe--January 2013
  - Partners Behavioral Health Management--February 2013
  - Alliance Behavioral Healthcare--February 2013
  - CenterPoint Human Services--February 2013
  - **\*\*These MCOs have annual external monitoring (Mercer)**
- LMEs with final readiness reviews pending
  - **MeckLINK**--February 13
  - **CoastalCare**—February 12
    - Final decisions on readiness by February 15
  - **Goal is March 2013 start-date**
- DHHS Contingency Planning
  - Mercer is performing capacity studies at each MCO to determine their ability to absorb other MCO catchment areas. Those completed include:
    - **Cardinal Innovations**—December 19, 2012
    - **East Carolina Behavioral Health (ECBH)**—January 17, 2013
    - **Smoky Mountain Center (SMC)**—February 7, 2013