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Subject: Medicaid and Eligibility for TCLI Housing Slots

The purpose of this bulletin is regarding Medicaid and eligibility for Transitions to Community Living Initiative (TCLI) housing slots. Housing slots will be offered to individuals who:

- A. Are eligible for Medicaid;
- B. Are Special Assistance eligible in an Adult Care Home;
- C. Would be Special Assistance eligible in an Adult Care Home who no longer reside in an Adult Care Home;
- D. Or have a gross income equal to or less than 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for a Single Individual.
- E. The state may elect to revise the criteria in this paragraph subject to the approval of the Independent Reviewer.
 - The state revised the criteria by adding: Individuals who are not Medicaid eligible but have a monthly income of \$2000 or less.

Priority for the receipt of Housing Slots will be given to the following individuals:

- a. Individuals with SMI who reside in an adult care home determined by the State to be an Institution for Mental Disease ("IMD");
- b. Individuals with SPMI who are residing in adult care homes licensed for at least 50 beds and in which 25% or more of the resident population has a mental illness;
- c. Individuals with SPMI who are residing in adult care homes licensed for between 20 and 49 beds and in which 40% or more the resident population has a mental illness;
- d. Individuals with SPMI who are or will be discharged from a state psychiatric hospital and who are homeless or have unstable housing; and
- e. Individuals diverted from entry into adult care homes pursuant to the pre-admission screening and diversion provisions of Section III (F) of the TCLI settlement agreement.

The Settlement Agreement for TCLI has been extended through 2021. If you have any questions please call Drew Kristel at (919) 855-4829 or e-mail at Drew.Kristel@dhhs.nc.gov.

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