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# SUPPORTS INTENSITY SCALE ACRONYM LIST

#### SIS – Supports Intensity Scale®

- The SIS® evaluates practical support needs of a person with an intellectual disability through a positive and thorough interview process.
- The SIS is a multidimensional scale designed to determine the pattern and intensity of an individual's support needs.
- The SIS was specifically designed to a) assess support needs; b) determine the intensity of needed supports; c) monitor progress, and d) evaluate outcomes of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

## AAIDD - American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

- The oldest and largest organization of professionals and citizens concerned about intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- A Authors and developers of the Supports Intensity Scale(SIS®)
- In North Carolina AAIDD is conducting the training and inter-rater reliability for all new SIS interviewers
- In North Carolina AAIDD will be conducting some of the SIS® interviews across the state

#### **DHHS - Department of Health and Human Services**

- The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is responsible for protecting the health and safety of all North Carolinians and providing essential human services.
- Division of Medical Assistance and the Division of Mental Health-Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services are divisions with the DHHS.
- LME/MCOs are under contract with both DMA and DMH-DD-SAS

#### **DMA - Division of Medical Assistance**

- Is a Division of DHHS responsible for providing access to high quality, medically necessary health care for eligible North Carolina residents through cost-effective purchasing of health care services and products.
- Responsible for the operation of the Innovations Waiver and the Innovations Plus program.



# **LME-MCO**

Local Management Entity (LME) is a local political subdivision of the state of North Carolina as established under General. Managed Care Organization (MCO) is an umbrella term for health plans that provide health care in return for a predetermined monthly fee and coordinate care through a defined network of providers, physicians and hospitals.

## **DDTI-** Developmental Disabilities Training Institute

- Formed in 1963 and a part of UNC –Chapel Hill School of Social Works Jordan Institute for Families; DDTI promotes positive outcomes for people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities through training, research, and technical assistance
- DDTI in partnership with the LME/MCOs, is conducting community education on the SIS through Community Forums
- DDTI will provide notification to individuals of their selection to participate in a SIS interview.
- A DDTI will schedule SIS appointment interviews for individuals

#### HSRI- Human Services Research Institute

- Provides consultation and conducts research efforts at both the state and federal levels in the areas of intellectual and developmental disabilities, mental health, and substance abuse
- In North Carolina HSRI is working with the State on the communication efforts for the SIS and Innovations Plus
- In North Carolina HSRI completed a random sample selection of waiver participants to receive a SIS
- In North Carolina HSRI will assist with the development of the SIS Matrix and Individual Budget levels