



PBH Administration Communication Bulletin

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**To: PBH NC Innovations Participants, Stakeholders
and DD Network Providers**
From: Andrea Misenheimer Medicaid Project Manager
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RE: Revised NC Innovations School Policy

PBH has reviewed the school calendars for the school systems in our area and based on this information has made a change to the current NC Innovations school policy.

The current policy allows for 9 weeks of service during non-school weeks.

The new policy, effective immediately, has been revised to allow:

- 420 hours of service during days when school is not in session which is an increase from the current policy.
- Requests for increases in hours must be based on an identified need.
- Services must be provided in compliance with the NC Innovations Limits on Sets of Services which will limit the number of hours of service you can receive per week.

As a reminder, Innovations services are not to be used as a replacement for educational services funded under IDEA. The following policy applies to school aged participants ages 3-21:

- Innovations services are offered outside of school operational hours, and are defined as the documented hours of the school system for the grade the child would attend.
- The family of children who are home schooled must present a copy of the home school certificate and schedule for the Care Coordinator to assist in developing the Person Centered Plan. If the family does not provide the home school certificate and schedule then the first bullet applies.
- Children who are home schooled can receive waiver services outside of their documented home school schedule.
- Children who are homebound for any part of the school day can receive Innovations Services outside of the hours of school operation documented in their Individual Education Plan, provided that the hours do not duplicate educational services provided by the school system (ancillary therapy, etc.)

- Educational outcomes are not funded through Innovations.

Please feel free to discuss any questions regarding this policy with your Care Coordinator or Provider Relations Manager.