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Position Statement Regarding the IDD Waitlist

The NC Council of Community Programs supports the collection of information for the DD Waitlist per legislative directive. The current template is unnecessarily long and does not capture information to correctly and responsively maintain the waitlist at the local level. Further, the Division of MHDDSA's intention to utilize the Client Data Warehouse (CDW) for waitlist information is problematic in that the system captures data for active clients and is a "one-way" system: it does not allow LMEs to extract information. The result is that LMEs are forced to have 2 waitlists: 1 to satisfy the elements and reporting required by the state and 1 for local use. The NC Council of Community Programs recommends the following:

- That the data collected be limited to that which is required by legislative mandate (consumer and service specific)
- That the content and format of the tool be sufficient for use at the local LME level so that separate waitlists are not needed locally
- That the Division of MHDDSA adopt the single page document developed by statewide LME DD coordinators (see attached)
- That the data be housed in a manner that allows both the state and LMEs to extract it (download data for reports)
- That the Division of MHDDSA chooses an alternate to the use of CDW for holding the information.