

The PBH Waiver will be presented at the **24th National Home and Community Based Services Conference** to be held in Boston, Massachusetts on September 28, 2008.

Presenters:

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Session Title: Creativity in Waiver Design: How Managed Care and HCBS waivers work together to create a new model of community care.

Session Description: The Piedmont Cardinal Health Plan and Innovations waivers are sub-state waivers that have been operating in North Carolina since April 2005. The waivers are operated by a regional public agency under contract to the State of North Carolina, Division of Medical Assistance. The session will describe the design of this 1915b/c concurrent waiver, including self-direction and how the 1915 b waiver is designed to have "money follow the person" from ICF-MR facilities to community services. This is a very unique national model that optimizes the structures of both 1915 b and 1915 C waivers to meet the needs of people across *three* disabilities: mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services. There is no other waiver in the country like this one!