

February 23, 2021

Mr. Scott Davis  
ND Indian Affairs Commission  
600 E Boulevard Ave  
Bismarck ND 58505

Dear Mr. Davis:

This letter is regarding the Tribal Consultation between the North Dakota Department of Human Services and the North Dakota Indian Tribes. The consultation process was established to ensure Tribal governments are included in the decision-making processes when proposed changes in the Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program(s) will directly impact the North Dakota Tribes and/or their Tribal members.

#### **Quality Strategy for Medicaid Expansion**

This letter provides the opportunity for consultation on the updated North Dakota Medicaid Expansion Quality Strategy effective calendar year 2021. The Medicaid Managed Care Regulations at 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 438 require a Quality Strategy Plan for Medicaid Managed Care plans, which includes ND Medicaid Expansion. The Quality Strategy Plan is to be reviewed and updated as needed or upon a significant change, and no less than once every three years as pursuant to 42 CFR 438.40(c)(2). As applicable, revisions to the Quality Strategy Plan require public comment and tribal consultation.

The ND Medicaid Expansion Quality Strategy is a comprehensive plan incorporating quality assurance monitoring and ongoing quality improvement processes to coordinate, assess, and continually improve the delivery of quality care and services to members in the Medicaid Expansion program. It provides a framework for the Department to communicate the vision, objectives, and monitoring strategies for attaining quality to ensure safe, effective, efficient, patient-centered, timely and equitable health care coverage for those enrolled in the program. At this time, Appendix A Table within the ND Medicaid Expansion Quality Strategy was updated to reflect the applicable measurement year per HEDIS® specifications as published by NCQA. The changes associated with the Quality Strategy are not expected to have a negative impact on the ND Tribes and/or their Tribal members.

The Quality Strategy Plan for the Medicaid Expansion managed care program can be found at <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/medical.html> for review. Please send comments, questions or concerns about the proposed ND Medicaid Expansion Quality Strategy Plan to Medical Services, Attention: Tribal Consultation; 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Department 325, Bismarck, ND 58505. You may also send information via e-mail to me at [ndmedicaid@nd.gov](mailto:ndmedicaid@nd.gov). Input will be accepted through 5 PM, Central Time, March 25, 2021.

#### **MEDICAL SERVICES**

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The Department appreciates the continued opportunity to work collaboratively with you to achieve the Department's mission, which is, "To provide quality, efficient, and effective human services, which improve the lives of people."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Caprice Knapp". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'C'.

Caprice Knapp, Director  
Medical Services Division