

August 31, 2021

TRIBAL CONSULTATION

RE: 1915(c) Medicaid waiver amendment applications

This letter is regarding Tribal Consultation established between the North Dakota Department of Human Services and the North Dakota Indian Tribes. This consultation process was established to ensure Tribal governments are included in the decision-making processes when changes in the Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program(s) will affect items such as cost or reductions and additions to the program.

This letter provides the opportunity for consultation on one waiver amendment.

Proposed amendment to Medicaid Waiver for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS):

The Department's Aging Services Division proposes to amend the 1915(c) Medicaid waiver. The purpose of this amendment is to implement the rate increase approved in HB 1012 (DHS appropriations bill) for the 2021-2023 biennium and implement strategies included in the DOJ Settlement Agreement to increase access to home and community-based services. The amendment includes changes to family personal care, residential habilitation, community supports, supervision, environmental modification, non-medical transportation and companionship services, and planned effective date in the financial management section of the waiver. The amendment will also make changes to the rate methodology for Non-Medical Transportation, Non-Medical Transportation (Escort), Supervision and Family Personal Care to attract providers for these waiver services.

View the entire draft waiver amendment at: www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/medical.html.

Copies of the draft waiver amendment will also be provided upon request.

The anticipated effective date of the proposed renewal is expected to be January 1, 2022.

Comments will be accepted in the following ways:

Email: dshscbs@nd.gov
Phone: (855) 462-5465
Fax: (701) 328-8744
Mail: North Dakota Department of Human Services
Aging Services Division
Attn: HCBS
1237 West Divide Ave Ste 6
Bismarck, ND 58501

If you have any comments, questions or concerns about the proposed waiver amendment, please contact Sandi Erber at srerber@nd.gov or by calling (701) 328-8915 or by mailing a written response to: ND DHS Aging Services Division; 1237 W Divide Ave Ste 6; Bismarck ND 58501.

Comments and public input on the proposed changes for both waivers will be accepted **August 31, 2021** until **5pm CST September 29th, 2021.**

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, flowing style.

Caprice Knapp, Director
Medical Services Division