

June 30, 2016

Dear ,

This letter is regarding the Tribal Consultation Policy established between the North Dakota Department of Human Services (Department) and the North Dakota Indian Tribes. This consultation process was established to ensure Tribal governments are included in the decision making process 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. The North Dakota Department of Human Services engages Tribal consultation when a State Plan Amendment, waiver proposal or amendment, or demonstration project proposal directly impacts the North Dakota Tribes and/or their Tribal members.

The Department's Developmental Disabilities (DD) Division intends to submit a 1915(c) waiver amendment to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) in order to allow North Dakota to update services and service planning to reflect State and Federal policy, and to amend the rate methodology as recommended by legislation for the Traditional IID/DD Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver recipients.

The 1915(c) Waiver amendment is available for your review on the Department's website at the following link: <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/disabilities/dd.html>

If you are unable to access this document via the web, a copy can be mailed to you.

Please be aware that the posted waiver amendment is a draft. The final document will be posted on the Department's website when it is approved by CMS.

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please contact Marella Krein, Program Administrator at mkrein@nd.gov, mailing a written response to 1237 W Divide Ave Ste 1A, Bismarck, ND 58501 or by calling 701-328-8977. Comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. on July 29, 2016.

The anticipated effective date of the proposed amendment is expected to be January 1, 2017.

The Department appreciates the continuing 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,

Marella Krein
Program Administrator