

July 1, 2021

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

Dear Mr. Nathan Davis:

Re: Tribal Consultation on the amendment of the 1915(c) Medicaid Autism Spectrum Disorder waiver.

This letter is regarding the Tribal consultation Policy established between the North Dakota Department of Human Services and the North Dakota Tribal Nations. 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. The North Dakota Department of Human Services engages Tribal consultation when a State Plan Amendment, waiver proposal or amendment, or demonstration project proposal directly impact the North Dakota Tribes and/or their Tribal members.

This letter provides the opportunity for consultation on several items impacting Medicaid autism services.

The waiver is being amended to increase the qualifying age of children who can be served from through age 13 to through age 15 and adds 54 more slots to the waiver. The waiver is also being amended to add provider rate increases. The North Dakota legislature granted providers a 2 percent increase in 2021 and a .25 percent increase in 2022.

The services affected by these increases are service management and respite care. The Autism Spectrum Disorder waiver currently provides services to children between the ages of birth through thirteen who have an autism spectrum disorder diagnosis. The goal of this waiver is to assist families in keeping their child home instead of placing them within a facility to receive needed services.

The anticipated effective date of the proposed renewal is November 1, 2021.

View the entire draft waiver amendment at: <https://www.nd.gov/dhs/autism/>.

Copies of the draft waiver amendment will be provided upon request.
Comments will be accepted in the following ways:

MEDICAL SERVICES

Email: dhsautism@nd.gov

Phone: 800-755-2604

Fax: 701-328-1544

Mail: North Dakota Department of Human Services Medical Services

Attn: Autism Services

600 E Boulevard Avenue Dept 325

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If you have any comments, questions, or concerns about the proposed waiver amendment, please contact Katherine Barchenger at kbarchenger@nd.gov or by calling (701) 328-4630.

Input will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. Central Time on July 30, 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