

January 27, 2021

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

Dear Mr. Davis:

SUBJECT: Tribal Consultation on the 1915(c) North Dakota Medicaid Waiver for Medically Fragile Children renewal.

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 decision-making process when changes in Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Programs(s) will affect items such as cost or reductions and additions to the program.

The Department's Medical Services Division intends to submit a 1915(c) waiver renewal for the current North Dakota Medicaid Waiver for Medically Fragile Children, to the centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS).

A key change to this renewal involves adding the description of the state's new Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) system that verifies when in-home support services are delivered. All services remain the same for qualifying children are remaining the same.

The 1915(c) renewal application is available on the Medical Services Division website at: http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/waivers.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 renewal is a draft. The final document will be posted on the Department's website when approved by CMS.

Comments, questions, or concerns are being accepted until Feb. 25, 2021 at 5 p.m. Central Time. Please contact Katherine Barchenger, Program Manager at kbarchenger@nd.gov, mailing a written response to 600 E Boulevard Ave Dept 325, Bismarck, ND 58505 or by calling 701-328-4630.

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

Sincerely,

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ND DHS Medical Services Division

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