

September 19, 2023

RE: Tribal Consultation on the 1915(c) Medicaid waiver Traditional IID/DD waiver amendment application

Dear Tribal Consultation Members:

This letter is regarding Tribal Consultation established between the North Dakota Department of Health and 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 the proposed renewal of the Traditional IID/DD waiver.

The Department's Developmental Disabilities (DD) Section intends to submit a 1915 (c) waiver renewal to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS). The current **Traditional IID/DD waiver** is approved for a five-year period and expires March 31, 2024.

Some of the proposed changes include: adding Respite as a stand-alone service; allowing participants of In-Home Supports and Respite to be authorized for provider managed and self-directed at the same time; allowing individuals who are not the primary caregiver, legal decision maker, or guardian that live in the same home as the participant to provide In-Home Supports and Respite; Environmental Modifications limit increased from \$20,000 to \$40,000 per waiver period (5 years); removing Parenting Supports; and allowing a participant to continue to receive Residential Habilitation, Independent Habilitation, In-Home Supports, and Respite services while admitted to a hospital setting to meet the needs of the participant that are not met through services that the hospital is obligated to provide.

The 1915 (c) application with the proposed changes is available for review on the DD Section's website at the following link: <https://www.hhs.nd.gov/dd>. If you are unable to access this document via the web, a copy can be mailed to you.

Please be aware that the posted 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 Heidi Zander, Program Administrator in the following ways:

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The anticipated effective date of the proposed renewal is expected to be April 1, 2024.

Comments and public input on the proposed changes will be accepted September 18, 2023, through October 19, 2023.

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,



Heidi Zander, DD Waiver Administrator
Developmental Disabilities Section

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