

July 1, 2023

TRIBAL CONSULTATION

Re: Tribal Consultation on the 1915 (c) North Dakota Medicaid Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Birth through Fifteen Waiver renewal.

This letter is regarding Tribal Consultation established between the North Dakota Department of Health & 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 Section intends to submit a 1915 (c) waiver five-year renewal for the current North Dakota Medicaid Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Birth through Fifteen Waiver, to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS).

The key changes to this renewal involve adding additional 195 slots and to increase the qualifying age of children who can be served from age 15 through age 17. The waiver is also being amended to add tutoring services, funds to help eligible children participate in events that build life skills like swimming lessons, camps, or social groups and AngelSense tracking services to support safety. Other amendments include an enhanced reimbursement rate to provide case management in rural areas and provider rate increases.

The 1915 (c) application is available on the Medical Services Section's website at the following link: <https://www.hhs.nd.gov/waivers>. 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 July 30th, 2023, at 5p.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 amendment is Nov 1, 2023.

Sincerely

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