

Health & Human Services

March 1, 2023

SUBJECT: Tribal Consultation on the 1915(c) North Dakota Technology Dependent Medicaid waiver

This letter is regarding Tribal Consultation established between the North Dakota Department of Health & Human Services and the North Dakota Indian Tribes. The consultation process is designed to ensure Tribal governments are included in decision-making process when changes in Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) will affect items such as cost, removal or added services to the program.

The Department's Adult and Aging Services Section plans to submit a 1915 (c) waiver amendment to terminate the Technology Dependent waiver, to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS). The Technology Dependent waiver was designed to serve individuals who are technology dependent for at least 22 hours per day and can self-direct their care.

The Department is requesting to terminate the waiver because it has not been used since 2018. No Medicaid members will be impacted by this amendment.

The 1915 (c) amendment is available on the Medical Services Division website at the following link: <u>https://www.hhs.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/DHS%20Legacy/waiver-technology-</u><u>dependent.pdf</u> 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 approved by CMS.

Comments, questions, or concerns are being accepted until March 31, 2023, at 5p.m. Central Time. Please contact Nancy Nikolas Maier, Director at nmaier@nd.gov with any questions.

Written or verbal comments can be sent to 1237 W Divide Ave Suite 6, Bismarck, ND 58501 or by calling 701-328-4601.

The anticipated termination date of the renewal is July 1, 2023.

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