

May 29, 2025

Dear Tribal Partners:

This letter is regarding the Tribal Consultation between the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services and the North Dakota Indian Tribes. The consultation process was established to ensure Tribal governments are included in the decision-making processes when proposed changes in the Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program(s) will directly impact the North Dakota Tribes and/or their Tribal members.

Medicaid Provider Rate Increases

Most Medicaid-covered services will receive a two percent inflationary increase effective for dates of services on or after July 1, 2025 as authorized and appropriated by the 2025 Legislative Assembly.

There will be no change to the Tribal 638 programs Indian Health Services all-inclusive rate as a result of these increases. Services reimbursed outside of the all-inclusive rate (e.g. non-emergency medical transportation) will receive the inflationary increase of two percent, as authorized by the 2025 Legislative Assembly.

Personal Needs Allowance

Effective July 1, 2025, North Dakota Medicaid will be increasing the personal needs allowance by \$15 for individuals residing in a nursing facility, basic care facility, intermediate care facility or psychiatric residential treatment facility. This allows the individual to retain more of their dollars to spend on personal items.

Home Health Services and Private Duty Nursing Services

Effective July 1, 2025, North Dakota Medicaid will be submitting a State Plan Amendment to increase the rates for home health services and private duty nursing services. There is no change in reimbursement for tribal providers. Non-tribal providers may see increased reimbursement for these services.

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Medicaid Expansion / Alternative Benefit Plan for Members ages 21 to 64 Fee for Services for 19-20 Year old's Only

Effective July 1, 2025, North Dakota Medicaid will be submitting a State Plan Amendment to the Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) for the 21-64 year olds for a technical correction to the add Other Licensed Providers (OLPs). This will not impact the benefits provided.

Other Proposed Changes

Effective July 1, 2025, North Dakota Medicaid will be submitting a State Plan Amendment to clarify that North Dakota may enroll a provider up to 365 days from the date of service. This is not a change to current policy and there should be no impact.

In accordance with state plan authority, effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2025, the rate paid for non-commercial, passenger vehicle non-emergency medical transportation mileage will be adjusted to reflect limits established by the North Dakota Legislature.

In accordance with state plan authority, effective for dates of services on or after July 1, 2025, the rate paid for meals will be increased to an amount that will not exceed the limits established by the North Dakota Legislature.

Effective for dates of services on or after July 1, 2025, ND Medicaid is expanding medical necessity editing to include several additional Local and National Coverage (LCD and NCD) determination policies. This editing validates that specific lab and medical service procedure codes are submitted with ICD-10-CM codes that support medical necessity according to the LCD/NCD policies.

Correct Coding Initiative

North Dakota Medicaid follows the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Edits. These edits were developed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMCS) based on coding conventions defined in the American Medical Association's Correct Procedure Terminology Manual, national and local policies and edits, coding guidelines developed by national societies, analysis of standard medical and surgical practices and a review of current coding practices. CMS annually updates the Medicaid NCCI Policy Manual and the Medicaid NCCI Technical Guidance Manual. For more information go to <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/program-integrity/national-correct-coding-initiative-medicaid/index.html>

Please send comments, questions or concerns about the proposed State Plan Amendments or waivers to:

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Input will be accepted through 12 PM, Central Time, Friday, June 28, 2025.

The Department appreciates the continued opportunity to work collaboratively with tribal partners to support health and advance the foundations of well-being for North Dakota Medicaid members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Aker".

Sarah Aker
Executive Director
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