

January 28, 2026

Dear Tribal Partners:

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 that Tribal governments are included in the decision-making process when changes in 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 one waiver renewal.

Proposed renewal of the 1915(c) North Dakota Medicaid Waiver for Medically Fragile Children.

The Department's Medical Services Division intends to submit a renewal application for the current 1915(c) North Dakota Medicaid Waiver for Medically Fragile Children to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). This waiver provides home and community-based services to eligible children with complex medical needs in their homes and communities. North Dakota is required to renew Medicaid waivers every five years in order to continue providing services. No changes to eligibility, covered services, or program requirements are proposed as part of this renewal. All services for qualifying children will remain the same.

Impact to Tribes

The Department does not anticipate any changes to Tribal rights, consultation processes, or coordination between the State and Tribal governments as a result of this waiver renewal. This action is administrative in nature and is required to ensure continuity of services. No changes to eligibility, covered services, reimbursement, or program requirements are proposed.

- **For Tribal members and families:** There is no anticipated impact. Eligible children will continue to receive the same home and community-based services and supports. No reductions in services or additional requirements are proposed.
- **For Tribal providers and programs:** There is no anticipated impact. Provider participation, covered services, reimbursement, and administrative requirements remain unchanged.
- **For Tribal communities:** There is no anticipated impact. Services for qualifying children will continue without interruption, supporting children and families within their homes and communities.

[View the draft waiver renewal application.](#) A copy will be provided upon request.

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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.

Based on CMS review and approval timeframes, the waiver renewal is anticipated to be effective June 1, 2026.

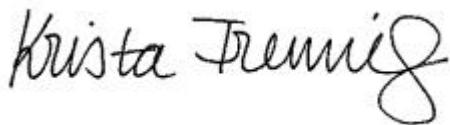
Please send comments, questions or concerns about the proposed waiver renewal to:

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Comments and public input on the proposed changes will be accepted until February 27th, 2026 at 5pm.

We appreciate 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 that reads "Krista Fremming". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Krista" on the top line and "Fremming" on the bottom line.

Krista Fremming
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