

October 27, 2023

Dear Tribal Consultation Members:

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.

### **Long Term Care Case Management**

North Dakota Medicaid will be submitting a State Plan Amendment to align the qualifications for Long Term Care Targeted Case Management providers by incorporating Aging Services Division case managers. This modification will standardize the qualifications for Aging Services case managers with those already specified for Developmental Disabilities program managers in the State Plan. This State Plan Amendment will be effective October 1, 2023.

### **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 Medical Services Tribal Consultation, Attention: Monique Runnels; 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Department 325, Bismarck, ND 58505. You may

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We appreciate your partnership in caring for our North Dakota Medicaid members and the continued opportunity to work collaboratively with you to achieve the best outcomes for Medicaid tribal members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Aker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sarah" being more prominent than the last name "Aker".

Sarah Aker, Director  
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