

Public comment sought on amendment to the Medicaid 1915(c) Traditional Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities/Developmental Disability (IID/DD) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Application

The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Developmental Disabilities (DD) Division is seeking public comment on the HCBS Traditional IID/DD waiver amendment application. The Traditional IID/DD waiver, which serves people with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities and includes an array of home and community-based services in the least restrictive environment.

The **amendment includes** an increase in capacity, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)-required changes for vacancy and absence factors, which include an addition of a personal assistance retainer payment option to Residential Habilitation. Additionally, in residential habilitation, day habilitation, prevocational services and small group employment services, an individual may be eligible for a higher medical acuity level based on their assessed medical needs resulting in higher reimbursement rate.

The 1915(c) Waiver amendment application and Microsoft PowerPoint presentation highlighting the proposed changes is available for review on the DD Division's website under the **NEWS** section at the following link: www.nd.gov/dhs/services/disabilities/dd.html. If you are unable to access this document via the Web, a copy can be mailed to you.

The anticipated effective date of the proposed amendment is expected to be April 1, 2020.

Comments and public input on the proposed changes will be accepted from Oct. 21, 2019 until 5 p.m. Central Time, Nov. 20, 2019.

Comments will be accepted in the following ways:

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