

September 15, 2022

Dear Tribal Consultation Members:

This letter is regarding the Tribal Consultation between the North Dakota Department of 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.

Postpartum Coverage for Pregnant Women

Effective on or after January 1, 2023, North Dakota Medicaid will be submitting a state plan amendment to provide Medicaid coverage to pregnant women for twelve months postpartum. Currently, Medicaid coverage for pregnant women is sixty days postpartum.

Former Foster Care Children

Effective on or after January 1, 2023, North Dakota Medicaid will be submitting a state plan amendment to provide Medicaid coverage to former foster care children, who are now a resident of North Dakota, regardless of the state they received foster care and Medicaid prior to becoming a North Dakota resident. Currently, Medicaid coverage to former foster care children is limited to children who were in North Dakota foster care and receiving Medicaid.

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, Attention: Tribal Consultation; 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Department 325, Bismarck, ND 58505. You may also send information via e-mail to ndmedicaid@nd.gov.

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The Department appreciates the continued opportunity to work collaboratively with you to achieve the Department's mission, which is, "To provide quality, efficient, and effective human services, which improve the lives of people."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Caprice Knapp". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Caprice Knapp, Director
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