

December 1, 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.

### **North Dakota Medicaid Quality Strategy Plan**

This letter provides the opportunity for consultation on the updated North Dakota Medicaid Quality Strategy effective calendar year 2024. The Medicaid Managed Care Regulations at 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 438 require a Quality Strategy Plan for Medicaid Managed Care plans, which includes ND Medicaid Expansion. The Quality Strategy Plan is to be reviewed and updated as needed or upon a significant change, and no less than once every three years as pursuant to 42 CFR 438.40(c)(2). Revisions to the Quality Strategy Plan require public comment and tribal consultation.

The ND Medicaid Quality Strategy is a comprehensive plan incorporating quality assurance monitoring and ongoing quality improvement processes to coordinate, assess, and continually improve the delivery of quality care and services to members in the Medicaid Expansion and traditional Medicaid programs. It supports the mission of the department, which is to be the healthiest state in the nation.

At this time, Appendix A and B within the ND Medicaid Quality Strategy was updated to reflect the performance measurement table changes from Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services and contract reporting updates. The changes associated with the ND Medicaid Quality Strategy are not expected to have a negative impact on the ND Tribes and/or Tribal members.

The ND Medicaid Quality Strategy Plan can be found at:  
<https://www.hhs.nd.gov/healthcare/medicaid/publications> for review.

Please send comments, questions, or concerns about the proposed ND Medicaid Quality

#### **MEDICAL SERVICES**

Strategy Plan to:

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Or

North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services

Attn: Jared Ferguson, Medical Services Division, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Department  
325, Bismarck, ND 58505.

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Input will be accepted through 5 PM, Central Time, Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

The Department appreciates the continued opportunity to work collaboratively with you  
to support quality outcomes for Tribal Members.

Sincerely,

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

Sarah Aker

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