

March 21, 2025

Dear Tribal Partners:

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.

IHS/Tribal Clinic Services

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued a change to their longstanding "four walls" limitation for Indian Health Service (IHS) and tribal clinics for clinic-based services. This policy was temporarily changed during the Public Health Emergency and allowed IHS and tribal clinics to be reimbursed for clinic services provided outside of the four walls of the clinic; this policy change by CMS will make the change permanent for clinic services. To implement this change, states are required to submit a State Plan Amendment using a templated prescribed by CMS by March 31, 2025. North Dakota Medicaid is submitting a SPA in compliance with CMS requirements.

Please send comments, questions or concerns about the proposed State Plan Amendments or waivers to:

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Input will be accepted through 12 PM, Central Time, Friday, April 20, 2025.

The Department appreciates 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 "Sarah Aker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sarah Aker

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North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services