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August 14, 2012

Mr. Scott Davis
ND Indian Affairs Commission
600 E Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck ND 58505

Dear Mr. Davis:

This letter is regarding the Tribal Consultation Policy established between the North Dakota Department of Human Services and the North Dakota Indian Tribes. This consultation process was established to ensure Tribal governments are included in the decision making processes when changes in the Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (s) will affect items such as cost or reductions and additions to the program. The North Dakota Department of Human Services engages Tribal consultation when a State Plan Amendment, waiver proposal or amendment, or demonstration project proposal directly impacts the North Dakota Tribes and/or their Tribal members.

The Medical Services Division will be amending the Medicaid State Plan to include enrollment of licensed Physician Assistants, Clinical Nurse Specialists and Registered Nurses. Enrolled Registered Nurses will only be allowed bill North Dakota Medicaid for vaccine administration.

The Medical Services Division expects that this State Plan Amendment may directly impact the North Dakota Tribes or Tribal Programs by allowing additional provider types to bill for appropriate services. The intent of this change is to increase provider types who can render or bill for covered services to Medicaid recipients.

If you have any comments, questions or concerns, please contact Cindy Sheldon, Deputy Director of Medical Services at cmsheldon@nd.gov, mailing a written response to 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Department 325, Bismarck, ND 58505 or by calling 701.328.4626. Please provide all input by September 14, 2012.

The Department appreciates the continuing 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 "Maggie D. Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Maggie D. Anderson
Director, Medical Services

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6.d. Other practitioner's services. Effective April 1, 1992 the department shall provide for services provided by licensed psychologists.

Effective June 1, 2004, the North Dakota Medicaid program will limit the number of counseling visits to no more than 40 visits per recipient per calendar year unless the provider requests and receives prior authorization from the department. The 40-visit limit is a combined limit that applies to both psychologist and Licensed Independent Certified Social Worker services.

Effective October 1, 2003, the North Dakota Medicaid Program will pay for services provided by Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists.

Effective April 1, 2004, the North Dakota Medicaid Program will pay for the services of Nurse Practitioners who meet North Dakota's advanced educational and clinic practice requirements and who are certified in specialties in addition to family and pediatric nurse practitioner services.

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Effective September 17, 2012, the North Dakota Medicaid Program will enroll licensed Physician Assistants and Clinical Nurse Specialists.

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