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February 12, 2016

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

Re: Tribal Consultation on the Medically Fragile Children 1915 (c) Home & Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver application.

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.

This letter is specific to a proposed application for approval of the 5 year renewal of the ND Medically Fragile Children's Medicaid Waiver and provisional transition plan. The Department is seeking public comment for a 30 day period from February 12, 2016 until 5p.m. (central time) on March 12, 2016.

The Medically Fragile Children's Waiver provides services to children between the ages of 3 to 18 who are medically fragile. The goal of this waiver is to assist families in keeping their child home instead of having to place them in a nursing home or hospital to receive needed care.

View the entire draft applications at <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/medical.html>. Written copies of the draft applications will also be provided upon request.

If you have any comments, questions or concerns about the proposed Medically Fragile Children's Medicaid Waiver application or the provisional transition plan, please contact

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Katherine Barchenger at kbarchenger@nd.gov calling 701.328.4630 or by mailing a written response to:

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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 written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "M".

Maggie D. Anderson
Executive Director