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Jack Dalrymple, Governor  
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September 30, 2015

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

Re: Tribal Consultation on the Technology Dependent 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 ND Technology Dependent Medicaid Waiver. The Department is requesting approval for a period of 5 years and is seeking public comment for a 30 day period from October 1, 2015 – October 30, 2015.

The Technology Dependent Medicaid Waiver provides service options for individual who are ventilator dependent, a minimum of 20 hours per day. The goal of the waiver is to adequately and appropriately sustain individuals in their own homes and communities and to delay or divert institutional care. In order to successfully meet the mandate, a consumer-centered, affordable delivery system has been established for delivery of in-home services to individuals who are ventilator dependent.

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

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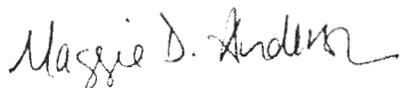
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If you have any comments, questions or concerns about the proposed Technology Dependent Medicaid Waiver application, please contact Nancy Nikolas Maier at [nmaier@nd.gov](mailto:nmaier@nd.gov) calling 701.328.4631 or by mailing a written response to:

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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, flowing style.

Maggie D. Anderson  
Executive Director