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

Dear Mr. Davis:

This letter is regarding the Tribal Consultation between the North Dakota Department of 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.

Effective on or after August 1, 2015, the Department plans to amend the Medicaid State Plan to define behavioral health practitioners within a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that are able to provide reimbursable services to Medicaid clients and for which the FQHC encounter rate will be paid. The Department intends to align the behavioral health practitioners with those currently defined in the Rehabilitation Service area of the Medicaid State Plan. Those practitioners include: Licensed Addiction Counselors, Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor, Licensed Professional Counselor, and Licensed Associate Professional Counselor.

Please send comments, questions or concerns about the proposed State Plan Amendments or waivers to my attention at 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Department 325, Bismarck, ND 58505. You may also send information via e-mail to me at [manderson@nd.gov](mailto:manderson@nd.gov)

The Department appreciates the continued 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, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Maggie D. Anderson  
Executive Director