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Human Services Seeks Comments on Waiver for Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities

BISMARCK, N.D. - The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Developmental Disabilities Division is seeking public comment on a draft amendment to the Traditional Individual with Intellectual Disabilities/Developmental Disabilities waiver. The amendment seeks to increase capacity to serve more eligible consumers with disabilities and to comply with the new federal Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) rule that includes HCBS settings and person-centered planning.

The waiver serves people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and includes an array of home and community-based services in the least restrictive environment.

Individuals can review the draft amendment to the waiver on the department's website at www.nd.gov/dhs/services/disabilities/dd.html. It can be obtained by calling 701-328-8930, toll free 800-755-8529, or ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888.

Written comments on the draft amendment will be accepted until 5 p.m. (Central Time) on Thursday, November 20, 2014. Comments can be sent to Marella Krein, Developmental Disabilities Waiver Administrator, North Dakota Department of Human Services, 1237 W. Divide Ave., Suite 1A, Bismarck, N.D., 58501 or mkrein@nd.gov.

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