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Agency seeks input on amendment to waiver

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Developmental Disabilities Division is seeking public comments on an amendment to the Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities waiver it plans to submit to the federal government.

The division is seeking to amend the Medicaid 1915(c) Traditional Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities and Developmental Disabilities Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver. The amendment will allow North Dakota to increase the number of people with intellectual disabilities who could be served in the last three years of the state's approved five-year waiver.

The department will accept comments until 5 p.m., Central Time, on Dec. 26, 2015. Comments can be submitted to the Department of Human Services - Developmental Disabilities Division, Attn. Marella Krein, at 1237 W. Divide Ave., Suite 1A, Bismarck, N.D., 58501, mkrein@nd.gov, 701-328-8977, or ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888.

Copies of the waiver amendment are available on the Web at:
www.nd.gov/dhs/services/disabilities/docs/amendment-nd-1915c-hcbs-waiver-for-individuals-w-intellectual-disabilities-11-2015.pdf

The waiver is a program authorized by federal law that funds in-home and community-based services for individuals with intellectual disabilities who meet Medicaid eligibility and level of care requirements.

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