

Public Notice
North Dakota Medicaid Program

Effective on or after September 17, 2012, The Department of Human Services, Medical Services Division will be amending the Medicaid State Plan to include enrollment of licensed Physician Assistants (PAs), Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) and Registered Nurses. There is no fiscal impact expected for enrolling Physician Assistants (PAs) or Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) as these practitioners have been able to previously bill under a supervising physician. The estimated impact for enrolling Registered Nurses (only for vaccine administration) for a 12-month period is \$43,228.

On January 1, 2013, based on changes to Medicare Part D due to the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act, North Dakota (ND) Medicaid will no longer cover benzodiazepines for full benefit dual eligibles as Part D will cover those medications at that time. Also, ND Medicaid will no longer cover barbiturates used in the treatment of epilepsy, cancer, or a chronic mental disorder for full benefit dual eligibles as Part D will cover those medications for those uses at that time. This change is estimated to have a fiscal impact (savings) of \$400,000 for a 12-month period.

Effective January 1, 2014, as a result of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Part D will cover barbiturates for all indications, and ND Medicaid will no longer cover any barbiturate for full benefit dual eligibles at that time. This change is estimated to have a fiscal impact (savings) of \$13,000 for a 12-month period.

Comments can be sent to and viewed at: Medical Services Division, Room 309, ND Department of Human Services, 600 E Boulevard Ave Dept 325, Bismarck, ND 58505-0250. Questions may be directed to the local county social service office, or individuals may contact the ND Medicaid Program at 1-800-755-2604.