

Public comment sought on amendments to the Medicaid Autism Spectrum Disorder Waiver

North Dakota's 1915(c) Medicaid Waiver, Autism Spectrum Disorder Birth through Eleven Years is being amended to reflect recent North Dakota legislative changes. The Autism Spectrum Disorder Birth through Eleven Years waiver provides services to children between the ages of birth through 11 who have an autism spectrum disorder diagnosis. The goal of this waiver is to assist families in keeping their child home instead of placing them within a facility to receive needed services.

Proposed changes to this waiver:

- Increase the age of qualifying children from through the age of 11 to through the age of 13.
- Providers rate increases. Providers were granted a 2 percent increase in 2019 and a 2.5 percent increase in 2020. The services affected by this provider rate increases are service management and respite care.

Comments and public input on these proposed waiver amendments will be accepted from Aug. 28, 2019 and ending at 5 p.m. Central Time on Sept. 26, 2019.

Comments will be accepted in the following ways:

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View the entire draft waiver renewal at www.nd.gov/dhs/autism/index.html. Copies will also be provided upon request.

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