

Public Comment Sought on Medicaid 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Amendment Application

The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Aging Services Division is accepting public comments on an amendment of the states' Medicaid waiver for home and community-based services. The waiver pays for a variety of in-home community-based support services that allows individuals who otherwise qualify for nursing home care to remain living in their homes and communities.

The purpose of this amendment is to implement the rate increase approved in HB 1012 (DHS appropriations bill) for the 2021-2023 biennium and implement strategies included in the Department of Justice Settlement Agreement to increase access to home and community-based services.

Proposed changes to this waiver:

Implement the rate increase approved in HB 1012 (DHS appropriations bill) for the 21-23 biennium for the following services.

- Supervision
- Non-Medical
- Family Personal Care

Implement strategies included in the DOJ Settlement Agreement implementation plan to increase access to HCBS. Strategies include:

- Request to expand the definition of the type of relative that can provide family personal care which is currently limited to a spouse.
- Remove the live alone requirement for residential habilitation and community supports.
- Allow supervision to be provided to eligible consumers who reside with family members.
- Allow environmental modification to be completed on rental property that is rented by an eligible waiver recipient.
- Request to allow the rural differential rate to be used for transition support services, supervision, and companionship.

The draft waiver amendment document is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/services/adultsaging/homecare3.html. A copy will be provided upon request.

Comments will be accepted from August 31, 2021 until 5 p.m. CST on September 29, 2021.

Comments will be accepted in the following ways:

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