

**North Dakota Department of Human Services
Interim Health Care Reform Review Committee
Representative George Keiser, Chairman
February 1, 2018**

Chairman Keiser and members of the Health Care Reform Review Committee, I am Erik Elkins, Assistant Director, Medical Services Division for the Department of Human Services. I appear before you to provide information on the status of federal legislation relating to the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

- On January 22, 2018, Congress reauthorized and funded CHIP for six years through Federal Fiscal Year 2023.
- The 23 percentage point enhanced federal match rate for CHIP that was established by the Affordable Care Act will continue, but reduces the federal match rate to the regular CHIP match rate over time:
 - 23 percentage point enhancement remains in FFY 2018 – 2019;
 - Enhancement reduced to 11.5 percentage points in FFY 2020;
 - Normal CHIP FMAP applies in FFY 2021- 2023;
- Extends the maintenance of effort requirement for states to maintain for coverage for children from FFY 2019 through FFY 2023; however, after October 1, 2019, the requirement is limited to children in families with incomes at or below 300% FPL.
- We have not received information from The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on the distribution amounts, but CMS has indicated we should be receiving that shortly. We have a Children's Coverage Technical Advisory Group Call on Tuesday, February 6 on the new CHIP funding information and should receive information specific to North Dakota prior to the call.