For its report, the North Dakota Department of Human Services (Department) states:

1. The proposed amendments to N.D. Admin Code Chapter 75-02-02.1 are necessary to comply with 2019 House Bill No. 1115.

2. These rules are not related to a change in a federal statute or regulation.

3. The Department uses direct and electronic mail as the preferred ways of notifying interested persons of proposed rulemaking. The Department uses a basic mailing list for each rulemaking project that includes the human service zone directors (formerly known as county social service board directors), the regional human service centers, Legal Services offices in North Dakota, all persons who have asked to be on the basic list, and internal circulation within the Department. Additionally, the Department constructs relevant mailing lists for specific rulemaking. The Department also places public announcements in all county newspapers advising generally of the content of the rulemaking, of over 50 locations throughout the state where the proposed rulemaking documents may be reviewed, and stating the location, date, and time of the public hearing.
The Department conducts public hearings on all substantive rule-making. Oral comments are recorded. Oral comments, as well as any written comments that have been received, are summarized and presented to the Department's executive director, together with any response to the comments that may seem appropriate and a re-drafted rule incorporating any changes occasioned by the comments.

4. No comments were received at the public hearing held in Bismarck on December 4, 2019. The record was held open until December 16, 2019, to allow written comments to be submitted. No written comments were received during the comment period. A summary of comments is attached to this report.

5. The cost of giving public notice, holding a hearing, and the cost (not including staff time) of developing and adopting the rules was $2371.98

6. The rules were amended to comply with 2019 House Bill No. 1115. The following specific changes were made:

**Section 75-02-02.1-24.1** is amended to change a reference from “women” to “individuals”, consistent with 2019 House Bill No. 1115; to remove a reference to “women’s way”; to change wording from “centers for disease control and prevention’s” to “center for disease control and prevention”; and to specify that eligibility for individuals in the breast and cervical cancer program continues until they no longer require treatment for breast or cervical cancer or a precancerous condition.

7. No written requests for regulatory analysis have been filed by the Governor or by any agency. The impact of the proposed amendments are not expected to have an impact on the regulated community in excess of $50,000. A regulatory analysis was prepared and is
attached to this report.

8. A small entity regulatory analysis and small entity economic impact statement were prepared and are attached to this report.

9. The anticipated fiscal impact resulting from implementation of the proposed amendments is nominal.

10. A constitutional takings assessment was prepared and is attached to this report.

11. These rules were not adopted as emergency (interim final) rules.

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