1915(I) MEDICAID STATE PLAN AMENDMENT
TIMELINE

- **OCTOBER 17, 2019**: Review of Public Input
- **FEBRUARY 2020**: Public Comment Period on the Application
- **APRIL 2020**: Submission to CMS
- **SEPTEMBER 2019**
  - **OCTOBER 17, 2019**: Public Input Meetings
- **NOVEMBER 2019**
  - **FEBRUARY 2020**: Development of Application
- **MARCH 2020**: 1915(i) Draft Application Webinar
North Dakota’s 1915(i) Medicaid State Plan Amendment draft proposes to serve individuals meeting the following eligibility criteria:

1. The individual is age 0+; and
2. The individual is currently Medicaid or Medicaid Expansion Eligible; and
3. The individual resides and will receive services in a setting meeting the federal home and community-based setting requirements, and
4. The individual has a diagnosis of mental illness, substance use disorder, or traumatic brain injury, excluding intellectual disability or developmental disability, identified in the most recent diagnostic and statistical manual.

In addition, the participant must also meet the following needs-based eligibility criteria:

*Have a functional impairment, which substantially interferes with or substantially limits the ability to function in the family, school or community setting, as evidenced by a complex score of 50 or higher on the WHODAS 2.0.*
SERVICES INCLUDED

- Care Coordination
- Community Transitional Services
- Training and Supports for Caregivers
- Non-Medical Transportation
- Benefits Planning
- Respite
- Prevocational Training
- Supported Employment
- Peer Support
- Housing Support Services (pre-tenancy and tenancy)
PUBLIC COMMENT

- Submit online at www.behavioralhealth.nd.gov/1915i
- Submit by mail to the Behavioral Health Division at 1237 W Divide Ave, Suite 1C, Bismarck, ND 58501
- Submit fax 1-701-328-8978
- Contact Bianca Bell by phone at 701.328.8958, toll free at 1-800-755-2719 or ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888

Comments will be accepted until Thursday, March 19 at 5 pm (CST).
1915(i) Medicaid State Plan Amendment

During the 2019 legislative session, North Dakota lawmakers authorized the Department of Human Services (Department) to create a Medicaid 1915(i) state plan amendment. The amendment allows North Dakota Medicaid to pay for additional home and community-based services to support individuals with behavioral health conditions.

To receive funding for services the state must:
- Develop a plan, draft a service delivery package, and complete the 1915(i) Medicaid State Plan Amendment Application.
- Make the 1915(i) Medicaid State Plan Amendment Application available for public comment.
- Submit for approval from the Centers for Medicaid (CMS) services.

In October 2019, the Department hosted a series of listening sessions asking stakeholders what services should be offered, who should receive the services and who should provide the services.

This effort engaged feedback from over 200 stakeholders. After reviewing the feedback and several months of development, the application draft is now open and available for public comment.

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