

January 27, 2020

Mr. Scott Davis
ND Indian Affairs Commission
600 E Boulevard Ave
Bismarck ND 58505

Dear Mr. Davis:

This letter is regarding the Tribal Consultation between the North Dakota Department of Human Services and the North Dakota Indian Tribes. The consultation process was established to ensure Tribal governments are included in the decision-making processes when proposed changes in the Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program(s) will directly impact the North Dakota Tribes and/or their Tribal members.

Medicaid Provider Rate Increases

Effective January 1, 2020, North Dakota Medicaid will be providing a 2.0% inflationary increase for all Nursing Facility services. The operating margin component of the rates for Nursing Facility Services will increase to 4.40% effective January 1, 2020.

Effective January 1, 2020, North Dakota Medicaid will be providing a 2.0% inflationary increase for all Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility services.

Temporary Census Income

Based on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Informational Bulletin dated July 3, 2019, temporary Census Bureau income is now considered countable income for individuals who are eligible for Medicaid using MAGI-based methodologies.

Correct Coding Initiative

North Dakota Medicaid follows the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Edits. These edits were developed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMCS) based on coding conventions defined in the American Medical Association's Correct Procedure Terminology Manual, national and local polices and edits, coding guidelines developed by national societies, analysis of standard medical and surgical practices and a review of current coding practices. CMS annually updates the Medicaid NCCI Policy Manual and the Medicaid NCCI Technical Guidance Manual. For more information go to <https://www.medicare.gov/medicaid-program-integrity/national-correct-coding-initiative-medicare/index.html>

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Please send comments, questions or concerns about the proposed State Plan Amendments or waivers to Medical Services, Attention: Tribal Consultation; 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Department 325, Bismarck, ND 58505. You may also send information via e-mail to ndmedicaid@nd.gov.

The Department appreciates the continued opportunity to work collaboratively with you to achieve the Department's mission, which is, "To provide quality, efficient, and effective human services, which improve the lives of people."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Caprice Knapp". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Caprice Knapp, Director
Medical Services Division