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## **Agency Seeking Input on Children’s Health Insurance Program Quality Strategy Plan**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services is seeking public comment on its draft 2016 Quality Strategy plan for Healthy Steps, the state’s Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

The Quality Strategy plan will guide the department and the Healthy Steps vendors, Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota and Delta Dental of Minnesota, in their efforts to ensure safe, effective, efficient, patient-centered, timely and equitable health care coverage for children enrolled in CHIP.

“This is an opportunity for families, advocates, stakeholders and others to comment on how the program can better serve children and families,” said Jodi Hulm, the department’s CHIP administrator.

The draft Quality Strategy plan is online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/medical.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/medical.html). It can also be obtained by calling 701-328-2323, toll free 800-755-2604, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or by e-mailing [jmhulm@nd.gov](mailto:jmhulm@nd.gov).

Comments will be accepted until 4 p.m. (Central Time) on Oct. 1, 2015. They can be sent to Jodi Hulm, CHIP Administrator, North Dakota Department of Human Services, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 325, Bismarck, ND 58505-0250 or [jmhulm@nd.gov](mailto:jmhulm@nd.gov).

Following the completion of the public comment period, a final draft of the Quality Strategy plan will be finalized in November and then submitted to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for approval.

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