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Agency seeks input on amendment to waiver

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Developmental Disabilities Division is seeking public comments on an amendment to the individuals with intellectual disabilities waiver it plans to submit to the federal government.

The division is seeking to amend the Medicaid 1915(c) Traditional Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities and Developmental Disabilities Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver. The amendment will allow North Dakota to update services and service planning to reflect state and federal policy, and to amend the rate methodology as outlined by legislation.

The department will accept comments until 5 p.m., Central Time, on July 29, 2016.

Comments can be submitted to the Department of Human Services - Developmental Disabilities Division, Attn: Marella Krein, at 1237 W. Divide Ave., Suite 1A, Bismarck, N.D., 58501, mkrein@nd.gov, 701-328-8977, or ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888.

A copy of the draft waiver amendment is available on the Web at www.nd.gov/dhs/services/disabilities/docs/draft-nd-1915c-hcbs-waiver-amendment-id-dd-services.pdf.

Slides describing the draft waiver amendment changes are online at www.nd.gov/dhs/services/disabilities/dd.html in the division News section.

The waiver is a program authorized by federal law that funds in-home and community-based services for individuals with intellectual disabilities who meet Medicaid eligibility and level of care requirements.

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