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## **Human Services seeks public comments on changes to multiple Medicaid waivers**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Medical Services Division and Aging Services Division are accepting public comments on a proposed change to multiple Medicaid waivers for home and community-based services.

Individuals can provide public comment on the Children with Medically Fragile Needs Waiver, Children's Hospice Waiver, and the Home and Community-Based Services Waiver that serves older adults and adults with physical disabilities.

The department proposes to amend these 1915(c) Medicaid waivers to include the eligibility group "individuals in the special home and community-based waiver group" under 42CFR 435.217. This will have no impact on current waiver recipients or services.

Interested individuals can view the draft waiver amendment applications at [www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/waivers.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/waivers.html). Copies of the draft applications will also be provided upon request.

The department is accepting comments until November 29, 2018, at 5 p.m. Central Time.

Comments can be sent to the North Dakota Department of Human Services' Medical Services Division, Attn: HCBS, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 325, Bismarck, ND 58505-0250, [dshscbs@nd.gov](mailto:dshscbs@nd.gov), toll-free 800-755-2604, or ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888.

Waivers are agreements between the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and a state's Medicaid agency and serve specific groups of people. Waivers specify the number of participants to be served, eligibility criteria, available services, including any limits on services; and procedures for the evaluation and reevaluation of level of care. They give eligible people options if their needs can be met in their homes, and if providing services in a home and community setting is cost neutral compared to institutional services.

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