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Human Services seeks input on amendments to Medicaid waivers

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services is seeking public comments on amendments to two Medicaid waivers that help older adults and people with disabilities live in their own homes and communities.

The department's Developmental Disabilities Division is accepting comments on its Medicaid 1915(c) Traditional Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities and Developmental Disabilities (IID/DD) Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (HCBS). The amendment would change a unit of service for parenting support, in-home supports and extended home health care. These changes are to comply with the federal Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) requirements.

The draft Medicaid 1915(c) IID/DD HCBS Wavier amendment is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/services/disabilities/dd.html. Copies are available upon request.

Comments can be submitted to the North Dakota Department of Human Services' Developmental Disabilities Division, Attn: Heidi Zander, 1237 W. Divide Ave., Suite 1A, Bismarck, N.D., 58501, hzander@nd.gov, 701-328-8945 or 711 (TTY).

The department's Aging Services Division is also accepting public comments on an amendment to the state's Medicaid HCBS Waiver. The waiver pays in-home community-based support services that allows individuals who otherwise qualify for nursing home care to remain living in their homes and communities. The amendment will make program updates to comply with the federal EVV requirements of the 21st Century Cures Act and the Fair Labor Standards Act in-home care final rule.

The draft Medicaid HCBS Wavier amendment is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/services/adultsaging/homecare3.html. Copies are available upon request.

Comments can be submitted to the North Dakota Department of Human Services' Aging Services Division, Attn: HCBS, 1237 W. Divide Ave., Ste. 6, Bismarck, N.D., 58501, dhshcbs@nd.gov, 855-462-5465, 711 (TTY) or by fax at 701-328-8744.

Comments on the proposed changes to both waivers will be accepted from Aug. 31, 2020 until 5 p.m. CT on Sept. 29, 2020.

After the public comment period, both waivers will be submitted to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for review and approval. The waivers are expected to be effective Jan. 1, 2021.

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