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Department of Human Services seeks comments on renewal of state's Technology Dependent Medicaid waiver that allows adults who require ventilators to live at home

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Aging Services Division is seeking public comments on a renewal of its Medicaid 1915(c) Technology Dependent Medicaid waiver.

The waiver allows Medicaid to pay for services that enable adults who rely on ventilators to remain living in their own homes and communities. The goal is to promote individual quality of life and well-being and to delay or prevent institutional care.

A key change in the renewal application includes permitting tribal entities in North Dakota to enroll to provide both culturally competent case management services and direct services to tribal members. It also provides a description of the state's Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) system, the services impacted and the planned effective date. The draft waiver also makes changes to the rate methodology for nonmedical transportation to facilitate the implementation of EVV for this waiver service.

The draft waiver can be reviewed at www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/waivers.html. Copies are also available upon request.

The department will accept public comments until Oct. 17, 2020 at 5 p.m. Central Time.

Individuals can submit comments by emailing dshscbs@nd.gov or calling 1-855-462-5465 or 711 (TTY). Comments can also be sent to the North Dakota Department of Human Services - Aging Services Division, 1237 W. Divide Ave., Suite. 6, Bismarck, N.D. 58501.

The department will submit the draft waiver to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for approval with a proposed effective date of Jan. 19, 2021.

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