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## **Caprice Knapp selected to participate in prestigious health care and leadership fellowship**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Carol Emmott Foundation announced that North Dakota Department of Human Services' Medicaid Executive Policy Director Caprice Knapp has been selected to participate in the 2022 Carol Emmott Fellowship, a prestigious program that brings together women leaders to improve gender diversity in health care leadership and governance.

Knapp is one of 22 women leaders chosen to participate in the 14-month fellowship program that will include mentorship, in-person conferences and monthly webinar discussions led by nationally recognized senior executives in health care and policy leadership.

Fellows are also required to complete an impact project to better their community. Knapp's project will address extending postpartum care from 60 days to one year and providing more robust mental health supports to new mothers who qualify for North Dakota Medicaid.

"I'm so pleased that Caprice is focusing her fellowship work on supporting the well-being of new mothers who are the foundation of strong, stable families," said department Executive Director Chris Jones. "This initiative reinforces one of our agency's key priorities."

Knapp was selected through a competitive application process and was one of four women awarded a full scholarship to participate in the fellowship.

Knapp has been with the department since August 2019 and leads its Medical Services Division, which administers Medicaid services, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), autism services and other related health services that benefit vulnerable North Dakotans. She most recently championed a nursing home payment reform study to develop a payment methodology that would reduce variation among facilities, reduce the growth in nursing home payments and encourage efficiency across the long-term care system.

Prior to joining the department, she was the federal policy director for a managed care organization specializing in Medicaid and Medicare programs and a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow for the U.S. House of Representatives' Energy and Commerce Committee. Her professional experience also includes academic and health economic research and consulting.

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