Public Notice

Medicaid Access Monitoring Review Plan

In accordance with 42 CFR 447.203, the Medical Services Division of the Department of Human Services developed the **North Dakota Access Monitoring Review Plan 2016**, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) in October 2016. Federal regulations require the Access Monitoring Review Plan be updated when a Medicaid rate reduction occurs. Effective January 1, 2017, Medicaid rates for nursing facilities were reduced; therefore, the Access Monitoring Review Plan is being amended to include an analysis of current nursing facility access and proposed benchmarks for monitoring access. In addition, the Medicaid Household Beneficiary Survey results, which were preliminary with the October 2016 Report, are finalized. The results are summarized within this amendment to the Plan.

View the draft amendments to the Medicaid Access Monitoring Review Plan at [www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/medical.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/medical.html).

Copies of the draft amendment to the Plan can also be provided upon request.

Analysis of the data and information utilized to monitor access has the goal that Medicaid beneficiaries have access to healthcare that is comparable to that of the general population in North Dakota.

The North Dakota Access Monitoring Plan discusses in some detail the dynamics related to North Dakota’s demographic changes, impact of rurality and provider availability geographically, and about North Dakota’s efforts to improve health care access for all citizens. The plan emphasizes acquisition of actionable data and establishes the expectation that barriers to access that are identified in specific geographical areas of North Dakota will be analyzed to define underlying access barriers.

The department is seeking **public comments** on the amendments to the Medicaid Access Monitoring Review Plan through March 17, 2017, at 5 p.m. (Central Time).

Comments will be accepted in the following ways:

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