



# Public Notice

## **Public comment sought on the renewal of Medicaid 1915(c) Children's Hospice Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver and an amendment to the HCBS waiver that serves older adults and adults with physical disabilities**

The 1915(c) Medicaid Children's Hospice waiver is being renewed for five years. This waiver supports families so they can care for their children in their homes as long as possible, avoiding lengthy hospital stays and delaying or avoiding institutional care. The program also allows families to access treatments that focus on curative and comfort care for their child. The renewal will extend the waiver for five years and does not propose any changes to current available services of case management, respite, skilled nursing, hospice, palliative care, expressive therapy and grief counseling.

North Dakota's 1915(c) HCBS Medicaid waiver is being amended to include community transition services as an allowable waiver service and to further define what is considered a critical incident that involves a waiver recipient. The purpose of community transition services is to assist eligible individuals transitioning from an institution or another provider-operated living arrangement to a living arrangement in a private residence where the client is directly responsible for his or her own living expenses and needs non-recurring set up expenses. Community transition services include one-time transition costs and transition coordination. A critical incident is any actual or alleged event or situation that creates a significant risk of substantial or serious harm to the physical or mental health, safety or well-being of a waiver participant.

Comments and public input on these waiver amendments will be accepted from Feb. 15, 2018 until 5 p.m. (CST) on March 16, 2018. Comments will be accepted in the following ways:

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View the entire draft waiver amendments at [www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/medical.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/medical.html). Copies of the draft waiver amendments will also be provided upon request.

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