For its report, the North Dakota Department of Human Services states:

1. The proposed amendments to N.D. Admin. Code chapter 75-02-05 are necessary to comply with 2013 Senate Bill No. 2114.

2. These rules are not related to changes in a federal statute or regulation.

3. The Department of Human Services (Department) uses direct and electronic mail as the preferred ways of notifying interested persons of proposed rulemaking. The Department uses a basic mailing list for each rulemaking project that includes the county social service board directors, the regional human service centers, Legal Services offices in North Dakota, all persons who have asked to be on the basic list, and internal circulation within the Department. Additionally, the Department constructs relevant mailing lists for specific rulemaking. The Department also places public announcements in all county newspapers advising generally of the content of the rulemaking, of over 50 locations throughout the state where the proposed rulemaking documents may be reviewed, and stating the location, date, and time of the public hearing. The Department conducts public hearings on all substantive rulemaking. Oral comments are recorded. Oral comments, as well as any written comments that have been received, are summarized.
and presented to the Department's executive director, together with any response to the comments that may seem appropriate and a re-drafted rule incorporating any changes occasioned by the comments.

4. A public hearing on the proposed rules was held in Bismarck on December 5, 2013. The record was held open until 5:00 p.m. on December 16, 2013, to allow written comments to be submitted. No comments were received. The "Summary of Comments" is attached to this report.

5. The cost of giving public notice, holding a hearing, and the cost (not including staff time) of developing and adopting the rules was $1,957.60.

6. The proposed rules amend chapter 75-02-05. The following specific changes were made:

   Section 75-02-05-07. Section 75-02-05-07 is amended to clarify language based on changes made to section 75-02-05-09.

   Section 75-02-05-09. Section 75-02-05-09 is amended to reflect changes in the sanction review and appeal process for providers as set forth in North Dakota Century Code section 50-24.1-36.

7. No written requests for regulatory analysis have been filed by the Governor or by any agency. The proposed amendments are not expected to have an impact on the regulated community in excess of $50,000. A regulatory analysis was prepared and is attached to this report.

8. A small entity regulatory analysis and small entity economic impact statement were prepared and are attached to this report.
9. There is no anticipated fiscal impact resulting from the implementation of the proposed amendments.

10. A constitutional takings assessment was prepared and is attached to this report.

11. These rules were not adopted as emergency (interim final) rules.

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