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April 6, 2016

Mr. Scott Davis
ND Indian Affairs Commission
600 E Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505

Re: Tribal Consultation on the Amendment to the 1915 (c) Autism Medicaid Waiver and the Medicaid State Plan.

Dear Mr. Scott Davis:

This letter is regarding the Tribal Consultation Policy established between the North Dakota Department of Human Services and the North Dakota Indian Tribes. This consultation process was established to ensure Tribal governments are included in the decision making processes when changes in the Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (s) will affect items such as cost or reductions and additions to the program. The North Dakota Department of Human Services engages Tribal consultation when a State Plan Amendment, waiver proposal or amendment, or demonstration project proposal directly impacts the North Dakota Tribes and/or their Tribal members.

North Dakota's 1915(c) Medicaid Autism Spectrum Disorders waiver is being amended to remove reference to inflationary increases from waiver years four and five that will not be granted. The Medicaid Autism Spectrum Disorders 1915 (c) Waiver is also being amended to transition autism-specific services into the Medicaid State Plan to comply with requirements from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services requirements for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT), and to expand the ages served and number of waiver slots for the expanded age range covered by the waiver.

Comments and public input on the proposed waiver amendment and state plan amendment will be accepted during the 30 day public comment period beginning April 6, 2016 through 5:00 pm May 6, 2016. The amendments are available for public comment online and upon request at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/medical.html and www.nd.gov/dhs/autism.

Comments and public input will be accepted in the following ways:

Email: dhsautism@nd.gov

Phone: 800-755-2604 or 701-328-8912, or
Relay ND TTY (text telephone) 800-366-6888 or 711

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Mail: North Dakota Department of Human Services
Medical Services Division
Attn: Autism Services
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 325
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If you have any comments, questions or concerns about the proposed amendments, please contact Trisha Page, Autism Coordinator at dhsautism@nd.gov calling 701.328.8912 or by mailing a written response to:

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600 East Boulevard Avenue
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The Department appreciates the continuing opportunity to work collaboratively with you to achieve the Department's mission, which is: "To provide quality, efficient, and effective human services, which improve the lives of people."

Sincerely,



Maggie Anderson, Executive Director
Department of Human Services