

November 29, 2024

Dear Tribal Consultation Members:

This letter is regarding the Tribal Consultation between the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services and the North Dakota Indian Tribes. The consultation process was established to ensure Tribal governments are included in the decision-making processes when proposed changes in the Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program(s) will directly impact the North Dakota Tribes and/or their Tribal members.

North Dakota Medicaid Quality Strategy

This letter provides the opportunity for consultation on the updated North Dakota Medicaid Quality Strategy effective calendar year 2025. The Medicaid Managed Care Regulations at 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 438 require a Quality Strategy for Medicaid Managed Care plans, which includes ND Medicaid Expansion. The Quality Strategy is to be reviewed and updated as needed or upon a significant change, and no less than once every three years as pursuant to 42 CFR 438.40(c)(2). Revisions to the Quality Strategy require public comment and tribal consultation.

The ND Medicaid Quality Strategy is a plan incorporating quality assurance monitoring and ongoing quality improvement processes to coordinate, assess, and continually improve the delivery of quality care and services to members in the Medicaid Expansion. It supports the mission of the department, which is to be the healthiest state in the nation.

At this time, the ND Medicaid Quality Strategy was updated to mirror Federal Regulations, requiring a review and update at least once every three (3) years or upon a significant change; updated to reflect changes to quality metrics used; and updated to include data reported by the Medicaid program.

The changes associated with the ND Medicaid Quality Strategy are not expected to have a negative impact on the ND Tribes and/or Tribal members.

MEDICAL SERVICES

The ND Medicaid Quality Strategy can be found at: [Medical Services Publications | Health and Human Services North Dakota](https://www.hhs.nd.gov/healthcare/medicaid/publications), (<https://www.hhs.nd.gov/healthcare/medicaid/publications>) for review.

Please send comments, questions, or concerns about the proposed ND Medicaid Quality Strategy to:

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Or

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Input will be accepted through 12 PM, Central Time, Monday, December 30th, 2024.

The Department appreciates the continued opportunity to work collaboratively with you to support quality outcomes for Tribal Members.

Sincerely,



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