

**Public Notice**  
**Public Comment Sought on Renewal of the Medicaid 1915(c)**  
**HCBS Autism Spectrum Disorder Waiver Application**

June 3, 2013

The North Dakota Department of Human Services is seeking public comments on the [Home and Community Based Services \(HCBS\) Autism Spectrum Disorder](#) (ASD) waiver renewal application. The ASD waiver provides service options for children (ages birth through 4) living with a primary caregiver. The goal of the waiver is to support the primary caregiver in maximizing the child's development and preventing out-of-home placements.

The current ASD waiver is approved for three years and expires October 31, 2013.

**In the renewal application, there will be no changes in services from the current ASD waiver. Once the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved the renewal of the ASD waiver, the Department will submit an amendment to CMS which will incorporate the legislatively directed changes.** Per legislative intent, these changes must become effective on or after January 1, 2014 with federal approval. A new notification concerning the amendment will be sent out prior to that time.

**Comments for renewal of the ASD waiver will be accepted until 5 p.m. on July 2, 2013.** Written comments may be mailed to Marella Krein, 1237 West Divide Avenue Suite 1A, Bismarck, ND 58501. Comments may also be emailed to [mkrein@nd.gov](mailto:mkrein@nd.gov) or by calling 701-328-8977, toll-free 800-755-8529 or ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888.