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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 26-0005

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
601 E. 12th St., Room 355
Kansas City, Missouri 64106



Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

April 1, 2026

Krista Fremming
Interim Director
Medical Services Division
North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 325
Bismark, ND 58505

Re: North Dakota State Plan Amendment (SPA) – 26-0005

Dear Director Fremming:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 26-0005. This amendment proposes to amend the State Plan to add licensed master social workers as Other Licensed Practitioner.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations 42 CFR 440.60. This letter informs you that North Dakota's Medicaid SPA TN 26-0005 was approved on April 1, 2026, with an effective date of January 1, 2026

Enclosed are copies of Form CMS-179 and approved SPA pages to be incorporated into the North Dakota State Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Tyson Christensen at (816) 426-6440 or via email at Tyson.Christensen@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Nicole McKnight
On Behalf of Courtney Miller, MCOG Director

Enclosures

cc: LeeAnn Thiel

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

2 6 — 0 0 0 5

2. STATE

ND

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

XIX XXI

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

January 1, 2026

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

42 CFR 440.60

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY 2026 \$ 267,698
b. FFY 2027 \$ 370,370

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment to page 3 of Attachment 3.1-A and
Attachment to page 3 of Attachment 3.1-B

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

Attachment to page 3 of Attachment 3.1-A and
Attachment to page 3 of Attachment 3.1-B (TN 24-0015)

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Amends the State Plan to add licensed master social workers as Other Licensed Practitioner.

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

- GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:
Krista Fremming, Interim Director
Medical Services Division

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

Krista Fremming

15. RETURN TO

Krista Fremming, Interim Director
Medical Services Division
ND Department of Health and Human Services
600 East Boulevard Avenue Dept 325
Bismarck ND 58505-0250

13. TITLE

Interim Medical Services Director

14. DATE SUBMITTED

January 27, 2026

FOR CMS USE ONLY

16. DATE RECEIVED

January 27, 2026

17. DATE APPROVED

April 1, 2026

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

January 1, 2026

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Nicole McKnight

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

On Behalf of Courtney Miller, MCOG Director

22. REMARKS

LIMITATIONS ON AMOUNT, DURATION AND SCOPE

Service

6.b. Effective July 1, 2009, individuals 21 years of age and older are limited to one refractive examination no more often every two years after the initial examination paid under Medicaid unless more frequent examinations are prior approved as medically necessary by the department's optometric consultant. The same will apply to subsequent examinations in relation to a two-year cycle following an examination.

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6.c. Chiropractic services. Effective January 1, 2022, the North Dakota Medicaid program will limit the number of spinal manipulation treatment services to no more than twenty treatments and two radiologic examinations per recipient per year unless the provider requests and receives prior authorization from the department. The services must be provided by a licensed chiropractor.

6.d. Other practitioner's services.

Services of a licensed psychologist practicing within the scope of practice according to state law.

Services of a licensed Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist practicing within the scope of practice according to state law.

Services of licensed Nurse Practitioners who meet North Dakota's advanced educational and clinic practice requirements and who are certified in specialties in addition to family and pediatric nurse practitioner services practicing within the scope of practice according to state law.

Services of a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) practicing within the scope of practice according to state law.

Services of a licensed and registered pharmacist practicing within the scope of practice according to state law.

Services of licensed Physician Assistants and Clinical Nurse Specialists practicing within the scope of practice according to state law.

Services of a licensed Registered Nurse for the purposes of administering vaccines practicing within the scope of practice according to state law.

Services of Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists and Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors practicing within the scope of practice according to state law.

Services of a Licensed Professional Counselor practicing within the scope of practice according to state law.

Services of a Licensed School Psychologist who has obtained a specialist degree in school psychology from a national association of school psychology-accredited institution or who has achieved the national certification of school psychologist certification, practicing within the scope of practice according to state law.

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