

**BEFORE THE
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES COMMITTEE
OF THE
NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**Request for an Extension for)
Administrative Rules governing)
Payments to Licensed Community)
Paramedics, Advanced Emergency)
Medical Technicians, and)
Emergency Medical Technicians)
for Health-Related Services)**

**DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES**

September 15, 2015

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Chairman Devlin and members of the committee, my name is Julie Leer and I am an attorney with the Department of Human Services' Legal Advisory Unit. I am here today to request an extension to adopt administrative rules governing payments to licensed community paramedics, advanced emergency medical technicians, and emergency medical technicians for health-related services, as required by 2015 Senate Bill No. 2043. Generally, rules for legislation with an August first effective date should be adopted by May first of the following calendar year. To adopt rules as required under 2015 Senate Bill No. 2043, the Department will need to convene stakeholders, research what other state Medicaid programs are covering, secure input and direction from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and analyze any impact to the Department's Health Enterprise Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS). With the implementation of MMIS scheduled for October 5, 2015, the staff needed to draft the rules and to develop the program resulting from the rules are dedicated to the system implementation and post-implementation efforts. Additionally, any impact to Health Enterprise MMIS could not be addressed until after implementation. If the extension is granted, the Department intends to adopt rules by January 1, 2017.

I would be happy to try and answer any questions that you may have.
Thank you.

Prepared by:

Julie Leer

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**Request for an Extension for)
Administrative Rules governing)
Enrollment of Licensed Marriage)
and Family Therapists to Provide)
Services to Recipients of)
Medical Assistance)
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**DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES**

September 15, 2015

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Chairman Devlin and members of the committee, my name is Julie Leer and I am an attorney with the Department of Human Services' Legal Advisory Unit. I am here today to request an extension to adopt administrative rules governing the enrollment of licensed marriage and family therapists (LMFT) as of January 1, 2016, to provide services to recipients of medical assistance. The Department will begin enrolling LMFT in January 2016; however, we are not able to prepare corresponding administrative rule changes for consideration within nine months of the effective date of 2015 Senate Bill No. 2046. When the Department implements limitations on services, we research what other state Medicaid programs are allowing for coverage and what, if any limitations or exclusions they include. We also research what other third party payers allow for coverage and include for limitations. Finally, as part of including coverage, including any limitations, in the Medicaid State Plan (submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)), the Department is required to provide CMS with information about how we established the limits and how we will guarantee access to services with the limits imposed. This information will need to be submitted to CMS no later than March 31, 2016. Due to the amount of research we need to conduct before we can

identify the changes we need to make to our rules, the Department is not able to complete the research and develop coverage limitations for rule changes that need to be adopted by May 1, 2016. If the extension is granted, the Department intends to adopt rules by January 1, 2017.

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Thank you.

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