

South Dakota Medicaid Expansion Concept Paper Development

Timeline of Events

January-February, 2015	Discussions between legislators, providers, DSS and Governor's Office about opportunities, including within state's Medicaid program, to fund Medicaid expansion
February 19, 2015	Meeting with Kim Gillan, CMS regional representative, on flexibility for states expanding Medicaid; question about expenditures for IHS eligibles raised
February-March, 2015	Development of Medicaid Expansion Concept Paper seeking flexibility in funding for services for people eligible for IHS and Medicaid and repurpose current state funds for Medicaid expansion
March 6, 2015	Conference call with CMS to discuss concept paper
May 22, 2015	Conference call with HHS and CMS to discuss concept paper
June 8, 2015	Follow up information provided to HHS
June-August, 2015	Multiple contacts to HHS requesting follow up
August 3, 2015	CMS indicates interest in follow up call, then delays
August 14, 2015	CMS indicates intent to conduct tribal consultation on concept paper
August 21, 2015	Governor has Secretary Steve Emery hand deliver letters to each tribal chairman
August 31, 2015	Vicki Wachino, CMS administrator, makes contact with SD about interest in concept paper.
August 31, 2015	President delivers letter from HHS Secretary Burwell to Governor of Alaska which indicates "CMS intends to update its guidance so that CMS' policy on the availability of 100 percent FMAP better supports the delivery of care and access to certain facility services, including non-emergency medical transportation, for Alaska Native and American Indian (AI/AN) populations generally. Pursuant to HHS' Tribal Consultation Policy, CMS will work with the AI/AN population, and in collaboration with Alaska and other states, to identify the most effective ways of extending the availability of the enhanced matching rate to some additional services that would improve care delivery to AI/AN populations through Medicaid".

September 10, 2015	SD Tribal Consultation conducted during meeting of Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Health Board meeting in ND; state invited to participate
September 10 & 15, 2015	All Tribes Tribal Consultations scheduled by CMS
September 14, 2015	All Medicaid director call scheduled by CMS
September 18, 2015	SD Medicaid/CMS call scheduled