

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

Request for an Extension for Creating Administrative Rules Governing Certification of Peer Support Specialists)))))))	<u>DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES</u> September 4, 2019
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Chairman Devlin and members of the committee, my name is Jonathan Alm and I am an attorney with the Department of Human Services' Legal Advisory Unit. I am here today to request an extension to create administrative rules governing certification of peer support specialists, as required by section 3 of 2019 Senate Bill No. 2012. Generally, rules for legislation with a July effective date should be adopted and filed with the legislative council within nine months of the effective date of the statutory change. The administrative rules governing certification of peer support specialists is also in response to section 43 of 2019 Senate Bill No. 2012. Section 43 is regarding the implementation of 1915i Medicaid state plan and takes effect on July 1, 2020. The Behavioral Health Division will need to delay starting the administrative rule process until the development of the 1915i Medicaid state plan amendment for children and adults progresses. If the extension is granted, the Department intends to adopt rules by July 1, 2020; the same time the 1915i Medicaid state plan amendment takes effect.

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

Prepared by:
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