

FUNDING FOR NORTH DAKOTA'S LONG-TERM CARE CONTINUUM SERVICES

This memorandum provides information regarding the funding and inflationary increases provided for the long-term care services programs, including nursing home care, basic care, and home- and community-based services, including information regarding the service payments for the elderly and disabled (SPED) sliding fee schedule.

LONG-TERM CARE CONTINUUM - SERVICES

North Dakota's long-term care continuum includes various medical and support services for individuals that lack some capacity for self-care, and are expected to need care for an extended period of time. The following is a summary of programs that are included within the state's long-term care continuum:

- **Nursing home care** - Provides facility-based residential care to individuals who, because of impaired capacity for independent living, require 24-hour-a-day medical or nursing services and personal and social services.
- **Basic care** - Provides facility-based residential care to individuals who, because of impaired capacity for independent living, require health, social, or personal care services, but not 24-hour-a-day medical or nursing services.
- **Home- and community-based services** - Provides services to assist individuals to remain in their homes and communities. Services include the following:

Service payments for elderly and disabled - Provides in-home and community-based care to individuals who are impaired in at least four activities of daily living (examples include toileting, transferring, eating, etc.) or at least five instrumental activities of daily living (examples include meal preparation, housework, laundry, medication assistance, etc.). Services available include adult family foster care, case management, chore services, emergency response system (Lifeline), environmental modification, family home care, homemaker services, personal care, and respite care.

Expanded SPED - Provides in-home and community-based care to individuals who are not severely impaired in activities of daily living (examples include toileting, transferring, eating, etc.), but who are impaired in at least three of the four following activities of daily living--meal preparation, housework, laundry, and medication assistance, or who have health, welfare, or safety needs, including requiring supervision or a structured environment. This program is an alternative to basic care. The individual must be Medicaid-eligible to receive services under this program. Services include adult family foster care, case management, chore services, emergency response system (Lifeline), environmental modification, family home care, homemaker services, and respite care.

Personal care services - Provides in-home care to individuals who are impaired in at least one activity of daily living (examples include toileting, transferring, eating, etc.) or in at least three of the four following instrumental activities of daily living--meal preparation, housework, laundry, and medication assistance. The individual must be Medicaid-eligible to receive personal care services. These services include assistance with bathing, dressing, toileting, transferring, eating, mobility, and incontinence care and also assistance with meal preparation, housework, laundry, and medication assistance.

Medicaid waiver for the aged and disabled - Provides in-home and community-based care to individuals who otherwise would require nursing home care and who are Medicaid-eligible. Services available include adult day care, adult family foster care, case management, chore service, emergency response system, environmental modification, homemaker services, nonmedical transportation, residential care, respite care, specialized equipment and supplies, supported employment services, and transitional living services.

Technology dependent Medicaid waiver - Provides attendant care and case management services to individuals under the technology dependent Medicaid waiver if the individual is Medicaid-eligible and meets the following functional criteria:

Meets level of care screening criteria.

Vent-dependent at least 20 hours per day.

Medically stable.

Has an informal caregiver system for contingency planning.

Is competent to participate in planning.

If under age 65, the disability must meet Social Security criteria or determined to be physically disabled by the state review team.

Other services - Other home- and community-based services, include the children's medically fragile waiver, children's hospice waiver, targeted case management, autism, and the program for all-inclusive care for the elderly.

LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES - FUNDING

The following schedule summarizes inflationary increases approved by the Legislative Assembly for the 2009-11 biennium through the 2015-17 biennium for human service providers.

Description of Grants	2009-11 Legislative Appropriation	2011-13 Legislative Appropriation	2013-15 Legislative Appropriation	2015-17 Original Legislative Appropriation	2015-17 Legislative Appropriation After August 2016 Special Session
Percentage change from the previous biennium ¹	6% for the second year of the biennium	3% each year of the biennium	3% each year of the biennium	3% each year of the biennium	3% for the first year of the biennium

¹This represents the overall percentage change approved by the Legislative Assembly. Certain provider groups may have received an increase that is different than the overall percentage change.

The following schedule presents total funding for the Long-Term Care Division for the 2007-09 biennium through the 2015-17 biennium.

	2007-09 Biennium	2009-11 Biennium	2011-13 Biennium	2013-15 Biennium	2015-17 Biennium	2015-17 Biennium After August 2016 Special Session
Nursing facilities	\$370,080,827	\$425,713,210	\$459,836,020	\$498,348,991	\$514,016,203	\$510,426,071
Basic care	14,083,121	18,113,925	25,972,395	38,884,238	35,706,935	34,644,263
Home and community based services:						
SPED	11,945,116	17,495,327	13,782,988	15,311,561	15,235,362	14,734,812
Expanded SPED	763,149	726,578	942,224	1,356,679	1,552,033	1,492,572
Personal care services	19,086,421	25,044,599	29,149,905	28,232,162	30,818,268	30,592,750
Home- and community-based services waiver	4,943,345	8,707,606	9,538,386	12,232,301	13,943,177	13,763,688
Technology dependent Medicaid waiver	762,019	532,608	500,136	388,116	549,960	545,461
Children's medically fragile waiver	1,343,070	1,147,844	318,780	139,164	565,752	561,575
Targeted case management	923,325	1,957,896	1,564,749	1,710,812	1,800,266	1,786,938
Program of all-inclusive care for the elderly	1,452,310	7,393,711	9,370,980	10,312,381	19,481,501	19,481,501
Assisted living rent subsidy		200,000				
Community of care program		120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000
Personal needs allowance		148,068	108,000	178,875	193,200	193,200
Children's hospice waiver		856,410	974,430	119,851	119,594	118,620
Autism waiver ¹					5,795,847	5,035,098
Autism voucher ¹					1,325,009	1,075,008
Total	\$425,382,703	\$508,157,782	\$552,178,993	\$607,335,131	\$641,223,107	\$634,571,557

¹The autism waiver and voucher were added to the Long-Term Care Division for the 2015-17 biennium. The following schedule provides autism waiver and autism voucher funding for each biennium:

Autism waiver	\$0	\$1,038,000	\$1,860,324	\$2,897,254	\$5,795,847	\$5,035,098
Autism voucher				\$539,186	\$1,325,009	\$1,075,008

SPED SLIDING FEE SCHEDULE - EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

The following schedule presents the current SPED program sliding fee schedule for a family with assets of between \$0 and \$24,999, which became effective on July 1, 2009.

Family size	100% Discount or No Fee	90% Discount or 10% Fee	80% Discount or 20% Fee	70% Discount or 30% Fee	60% Discount or 40% Fee	50% Discount or 50% Fee	40% Discount or 60% Fee	30% Discount or 70% Fee	20% Discount or 80% Fee	10% Discount or 90% Fee	0% Discount or 100% Fee
1	\$0 - 1,038	\$1,039 - 1,131	\$1,132 - 1,224	\$1,225 - 1,316	\$1,317 - 1,408	\$1,409 - 1,499	\$1,500 - 1,593	\$1,594 - 1,685	\$1,686 - 1,777	\$1,778 - 1,869	\$1,870 +
2	0 - 1,395	1,396 - 1,516	1,517 - 1,636	1,637 - 1,757	1,758 - 1,876	1,877 - 1,997	1,998 - 2,118	2,119 - 2,238	2,239 - 2,359	2,360 - 2,480	2,481 +
3	0 - 1,753	1,754 - 1,902	1,903 - 2,051	2,052 - 2,200	2,206 - 2,349	2,350 - 2,498	2,499 - 2,647	2,648 - 2,796	2,797 - 2,945	2,946 - 3,094	3,095 +
4	0 - 2,110	2,111 - 2,288	2,289 - 2,465	2,466 - 2,642	2,643 - 2,819	2,820 - 2,997	2,998 - 3,175	3,176 - 3,352	3,353 - 3,529	3,530 - 3,706	3,707 +
5	0 - 2,468	2,469 - 2,674	2,675 - 2,879	2,880 - 3,084	3,085 - 3,290	3,291 - 3,496	3,497 - 3,701	3,702 - 3,907	3,908 - 4,113	4,114 - 4,319	4,320 +
6	0 - 2,825	2,826 - 3,060	3,061 - 3,293	3,294 - 3,528	3,529 - 3,762	3,763 - 3,997	3,998 - 4,230	4,231 - 4,465	4,466 - 4,698	4,699 - 4,933	4,934 +
7	0 - 2,891	2,892 - 3,131	3,132 - 3,370	3,371 - 3,610	3,611 - 3,849	3,850 - 4,089	4,090 - 4,328	4,329 - 4,567	4,568 - 4,807	4,808 - 5,046	5,047 +
8	0 - 2,960	2,961 - 3,204	3,205 - 3,450	3,451 - 3,694	3,695 - 3,940	3,941 - 4,184	4,185 - 4,428	4,429 - 4,673	4,674 - 4,918	4,919 - 5,162	5,163 +
9	0 - 3,026	3,027 - 3,275	3,276 - 3,525	3,526 - 3,776	3,777 - 4,026	4,027 - 4,277	4,278 - 4,527	4,528 - 4,778	4,779 - 5,028	5,029 - 5,277	5,278 +
10	0 - 3,093	3,094 - 3,348	3,349 - 3,604	3,605 - 3,859	3,860 - 4,114	4,115 - 4,370	4,371 - 4,625	4,626 - 4,880	4,881 - 5,135	5,136 - 5,391	5,392 +
11	0 - 3,160	3,161 - 3,422	3,423 - 3,682	3,683 - 3,942	3,943 - 4,203	4,204 - 4,464	4,465 - 4,725	4,726 - 4,985	4,986 - 5,245	5,246 - 5,507	5,508 +
12	0 - 3,227	3,228 - 3,492	3,493 - 3,759	3,760 - 4,025	4,026 - 4,291	4,292 - 4,558	4,559 - 4,824	4,825 - 5,090	5,091 - 5,357	5,358 - 5,622	5,623 +

SPED SLIDING FEE SCHEDULE - IF UPDATED WITH 21 PERCENT INFLATIONARY INCREASE

The appendices present the SPED program sliding fee schedule with a 21 percent inflationary increase for a family with assets of between \$0 and \$24,999 ([Appendix A](#)) and for a family with assets of between \$25,000 and \$50,000 ([Appendix B](#)) as provided by the Department of Human Services. The department estimates an additional \$1.53 million from the general fund would be needed to increase the SPED program sliding fee schedule by 21 percent.