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Application for Block Grant Funds Available for Public Comment

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health has completed the state's application for Federal Maternal and Child Health Services Title V Block Grant Funds for the federal fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 2018 and ending Sept. 30, 2019. The application will be available for public comment starting July 16, 2018.

The application includes a description of the state's plan to provide:

- Preventive and primary care services for pregnant women, mothers and infants to age 1
- Preventive and primary care services for children and adolescents
- Family-centered, community-based, coordinated care and development of community-based systems of services for children and youth with special health care needs and their families

A statewide needs assessment designed to identify service gaps and barriers and to determine important needs in North Dakota's maternal and child population was conducted. The following eleven priorities were identified through the statewide needs assessment process:

- Reduce tobacco use in pregnant women
- Increase the rate of breastfeeding at 6 months
- Reduce disparities in infant mortality
- Reduce overweight and obesity in children
- Reduce fatal motor vehicle crash deaths to adolescents
- Decrease depressive symptoms in adolescents
- Increase the utilization of medical home
- Increase the number of children with special health care needs receiving transition support
- Increase preventative dental services to children
- Increase adequate insurance coverage to the maternal and child health population
- Implement North Dakota state mandates delegated to the North Dakota Department of Health Title V / Maternal and Child Health Program

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A copy of the Title V application is available for public comment. To receive a copy of the application to provide written comment, contact:

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