



## **NDDAC Releases COVID-19 Standard of Care Statements**

The North Dakota Disabilities Advocacy Consortium has released two separate sets of communications to state leaders advancing the adoption and implementation of standards of care to be provided to individuals with disabilities during this current COVID-19 public health emergency. The NDDAC encourages all agencies and professionals to apply and the public to understand these standards of care during this current emergency and into the future as we reenter more normal times.

### ***Standard of Care Recommendations***

On April 2, 2020, the North Dakota Disabilities Advocacy Consortium released a statement specifying a series of recommendations which advance standards of care provided to individuals with disabilities during the current COVID-19 public health emergency. This statement, addressed to Governor Doug Burgum, Mylynn Tufte, ND State Health Officer, and Christopher Jones, Executive Director of the ND Department of Human Services, requests that these standard of care recommendations be adopted and implemented by all state's agencies and disseminated to the state's public and private medical and human service providers.

The full text of the NDDAC statement follows: [Corona Virus Memo](#)

### ***Letters Seeking Strategic Action***

On April 13, 2020, the North Dakota Disabilities Advocacy Consortium released two separate letters to select state leaders seeking clarity and commitment implementing actions that would advance the NDDAC's April 2, 2020, standard of care recommendations. One letter was addressed to Governor Doug Burgum and a separate combined letter was addressed to Mylynn Tufte, ND State Health Officer, and Christopher Jones, Executive Director of the ND Department of Human Services.

The full text of the NDDAC letter to Governor Doug Burgum follows: [Governor Burgum Letter](#)

The full text of the NDDAC letter to Mylynn Tufte and Christopher Jones follows: [Tufte-Jones Letter](#)

### ***Standards of Care Support Resources***

To ensure respectful and transparent communication with patients, medical facilities and professionals should uniformly engage patients in setting their most effective course of treatment, appropriately accommodating the unique needs and capacity of the patient and honoring the following practices. The following resources provide background information regarding the principal standards of care presented by the North Dakota Disabilities Advocacy Consortium: [Standards of Care Support Resources](#)