

**Department of Human Services
Health Services Committee
Senator Judy Lee, Chairman
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Chairman Lee, and members of the Health Services Committee, I am Tina Bay, Director of the Developmental Disabilities (DD) Division of the Department of Human Services (Department). I am here today to provide you information regarding the process that occurs when an individual enters the human service center requesting services and the process of referral to the county for Medicaid eligibility determination.

When meeting with an applicant or legal decision maker, the DD Program Manager (DDPM) will provide an overview of the services available through the DD system and the enrollment process. If the applicant or legal decision maker is interested in services authorized through the Medicaid DD Traditional Home and Community Based Waiver (i.e. Residential or Day Habilitation, Family Support, etc.) or Medicaid State Plan (i.e. Intermediate Care Facility), the applicant must be enrolled in Medicaid, eligible for DD services per NDAC 75-04-06 and meet the Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities level of care.

The DDPM will ask the applicant if they are currently enrolled in Medicaid. If they are not, the DDPM will encourage them to immediately apply for Medicaid. The DDPM may assist the applicant with the application process or make a referral to the county. In some regions, the DDPM will attach a cover sheet or make a note on the application that the applicant is screened for the waiver. This notation alerts the county social service staff that the legal decision maker is only interested in Medicaid coverage

for the child. However not all counties accept this information and require additional information.

Once the referral has been made or the application has been submitted, the DDPM will continue to work with the applicant or legal decision maker on choosing the services and provider that is most appropriate for their needs.

This concludes my testimony and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.