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**Committee Advising N.D. Medicaid Program to Meet Oct. 27**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services announced today that the state’s Medicaid Medical Advisory Committee will meet Tuesday, October 27, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. at the North Dakota Long Term Care Association, 1900 N. 11<sup>th</sup> St., in Bismarck. The public is welcome to attend.

The committee meets quarterly to hear reports and to advise the department about the operation of the Medicaid program, which is the state and federally-funded health program that serves qualifying low-income elderly individuals, pregnant women, children, and people with disabilities. Currently, about 59,000 North Dakotans are eligible.

Meeting agenda items include: enrollment data, the disproportionate share hospital audit, and updates on the Community of Care program, Steele Care Center (2009 House Bill 1327), Medicaid Program Integrity Contractors, the Program for All-Inclusive Care of the Elderly, the Money Follows the Person grant, and continuous eligibility. Additional agenda items include a presentation on the H1N1 flu and vulnerable populations, an MMIS project update, and discussion on modernizing Medicaid, which includes next steps on medical home and care coordination and dental access efforts.

The committee includes legislators, advocates, and representatives from health care provider associations, independent living centers, the County Social Services Directors Association, the governor’s office, the N.D. Department of Health, the N.D. Department of Human Services, and a program recipient.

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