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Human Services Hosts Meeting to Share Report on Payment System for Developmental Disability Service Providers

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services' Developmental Disabilities Division will hold a public stakeholder meeting on Tues., June 25, 2013, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Comfort Inn of Bismarck, 1030 E. Interstate Ave., Conference Rooms C and D. Meeting participants will review a report highlighting the scope and recommendations for implementation of the new payment system for developmental disability service providers. The public is encouraged to attend.

In 2011, the N.D. Legislature passed Senate Bill 2043, which authorized the N.D. Department of Human Services to develop a payment system utilizing the Supports Intensity Scale with the help of developmental disability providers and a consultant. The scale is a tool used to assess and plan individual support needs for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

In September 2011, the department hired a consultant, Johnston, Villegas-Grubbs and Associates, LLC, to assist in developing the new payment system. Representatives from Johnston, Villegas-Grubbs and Associates, LLC, will present its report at the meeting.

Individuals who need accommodations, including auxiliary aids or other services to participate in the meeting, can call Colette Perkins at 701-328-8930, toll free 800-755-8529, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or cperkins@nd.gov.

To view Senate Bill 2043, visit www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/62-2011/documents/11-0243-05000.pdf?20130618091945.

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