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Human Services Holds Informational Meetings for Direct Care Workers

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services' Medical Services Division will hold informational meetings in Carrington, Cavalier, Devils Lake, Fort Totten, Langdon, and New Rockford, N.D., for current qualified service providers and anyone interested in being an in-home caregiver for older adults and people with disabilities.

Individuals from Benson, Cavalier, Eddy, Foster, Pembina, and Ramsey counties are invited to participate in these meetings.

Tues., Jan. 21, 2014

- **Carrington**, 10 a.m. to noon, Foster County Courthouse, 1000 Fifth St. N., Basement Community Room
- **New Rockford**, 1 to 3 p.m., Eddy County Social Service Office, 22 Ninth St. S., Break Room

Wed., Jan. 22, 2014

- **Fort Totten**, 9 to 11 a.m., Benson County Social Service Office, 1319 Dakota Dr., Conference Room
- **Devils Lake**, 1 to 3 p.m., Ramsey County Courthouse, 524 Fourth Ave. N.E., #19, Basement Historical Room

Thurs., Jan. 23, 2014

- **Cavalier**, 10 a.m. to noon, Pembina County Social Service Office, 300 Boundary Rd. W., #3, Board Room
- **Langdon**, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Cavalier County Social Service Office, 324 Seventh Ave., Board Room

Qualified service providers are friends, neighbors, family members, and others who provide in-home care to older adults and people with disabilities so they can continue to live in their own homes and communities.

The meetings will include an interactive online demonstration on how to complete enrollment forms and billing documents, an overview of programs and services available through the department that support independent living, and a review of provider rates and reimbursement requirements. There will also be discussion about how to become a qualified service provider, as well as the responsibilities associated with being a caregiver.

To preregister, contact Susan McNeil, direct service workforce development coordinator, at 701-328-4090, toll free 800-755-2604, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or smcneil@nd.gov.

The department has created a video highlighting the experiences of people providing services for clients as qualified service providers. The video is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/services/adultsaging/providers.html.

Individuals interested in working as a qualified service provider should contact their local county social service office. People can also call the Department of Human Services toll free at 1-855-GO2-LINK (855-462-5465) or ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888.

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