

**NEWS from the North Dakota Department of Human Services  
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**State Plan on Aging public hearings in Bismarck and New Town **canceled**  
*Individuals are encouraged to provide input via online survey***

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services has canceled the public hearings on the State Plan on Aging originally scheduled for today, March 6 in Bismarck and tomorrow, March 7, in New Town. The state plan outlines the priorities and services the state will support with its federal Older Americans Act dollars.

**The department encourages individuals to comment on services** for older adults and adults with physical disabilities that help them remain living independently in their homes and communities. Individuals can provide input by completing a survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NQB2NYV> or by submitting comments by March 15, 2018, to the North Dakota Department of Human Services' Aging Services Division, 1237 W. Divide Ave., Suite 6, Bismarck, N.D. 58501, or [dhsaging@nd.gov](mailto:dhsaging@nd.gov).

Individuals with questions should contact Sheryl Pfliger through the division's Aging and Disability Resource LINK toll-free phone line at 855-GO2-LINK (855-462-5465), ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888.

Federal Older Americans Act funds help pay for home-delivered meals and meals at senior meal sites, senior legal assistance, assistive safety devices like grab bars; health maintenance services such as blood pressure screenings, foot care and medication setup; a toll-free information and assistance phone line and website to help people find services; and the senior companion program.

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