

Testimony
Department of Human Services
Human Services Committee
Representative Chuck Damschen, Chairman
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Chairman Damschen, members of the Human Services Committee, I am Karen Tescher, Assistant Director of the Long Term Care Continuum of Medical Services, for the Department of Human Services. I am here today to provide you with comments regarding the committee's study of home and community-based services (HCBS).

I have distributed the HCBS booklet along with [Attachment A](#) which outlines the Medicaid Children's Waivers. I would like to briefly review the information at this time.

The Money Follows the Person demonstration grant which was awarded to North Dakota Medicaid in 2007 has now been extended through 2016 with an additional four years of spending allowed through 2020. [Attachment B](#) gives an overview of the grant program and the current number of individuals that have been assisted in transitioning from nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities. Please refer to Attachment B and I will provide further explanation.

During the 2013 legislative session, funding for several system enhancements was approved. Please see [attachment C](#) for a brief description of the enhancements and the timelines for them to be implemented.

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