

Testimony
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Senator Holmberg, Chairman
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Chairman Holmberg, members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I am Tina Bay, Director of the Developmental Disabilities Division of the Department of Human Services. I am here today to provide you an overview of the Long Term Care Developmental Disability Grants Budget, for the Department of Human Services.

Programs

The Developmental Disability Services grants are funded through the Medicaid State Plan, three Medicaid Home and Community-based waivers, Part C of IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) and general funds.

Caseload / Customer Base

In SFY 2010, 5,341 individuals received developmental disability program management through the human service centers,

2,892 Individuals received family support program services, including family subsidy, infant development, family support, parenting support and extended home health,

3,070 individuals received residential and/or days services, and

605 individuals received self-directed support services, which enable individuals and families to hire their own in home support staff and

access environmental supports/modifications and equipments and supplies.

According to the latest report from the University of Minnesota titled “Residential Services for Persons with Developmental Disabilities: Status and Trends Through 2009”:

- The national average rate of placement in residential settings for persons with Intellectual Disabilities (ID)/Developmental Disabilities (DD) in 2009 was 143.1 people per 100,000 of the general population. North Dakota ranked number one with 318.8 per 100,000 state residents.
- Nationally, the combined average of Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR) and Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) utilization was 196.3 per 100,000 of the population. North Dakota ranked number one with 654.6 per 100,000 state residents.

Program Trends / Major Program Changes

Services for young children with DD – Caseload growth continues in the number of young children with developmental disabilities needing support.

Autism Spectrum Disorder Waiver – On November 1st, 2010 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved the state’s request for a Medicaid waiver for Autism Spectrum Disorders. This waiver

will provide service options for individual's birth through four years of age, living with a primary caregiver. This waiver may serve up to 30 children per year. The services under the waiver are environmental modifications, equipment and supplies, in-home supports and intervention coordination. The goal of the waiver is to support the primary caregiver to maximize the child's development and prevent out of home placements.

Overview of Budget Changes

Description	2009 - 2011 Budget	2011 - 2013 Budget	Increase / Decrease
Developmental Disability Grants	341,542,546	396,996,033	55,453,487
General Funds	110,730,341	174,231,307	63,500,966
Federal Funds	229,621,551	222,764,726	(6,856,825)
Other Funds	1,190,654		(1,190,654)
Total	341,542,546	396,996,033	55,453,487

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Attachment A shows the changes in the Developmental Disability Grants from the 2009-2011 Appropriation to the 2011-2013 Budget to the Senate.

The majority of the caseload growth in the 2011-2013 budget is due to:

- 22 additional high school graduates expected to need services each year of the biennium, and;
- an increase of 5 children per month (120 for the biennium) expected to need infant development services.

This concludes my testimony on the 2011 – 2013 budget for Long Term Care Developmental Disability Grants area of the Department. I would be happy to answer any questions.