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Medicaid Medical Advisory Committee to meet Dec. 6

BISMARCK – The Medicaid Medical Advisory Committee is meeting December 6, 2007, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Room located in the North Dakota Capitol's Judicial Wing. The public is welcome to attend.

The committee meets quarterly to hear reports from the North Dakota Department of Human Services and to provide input and guidance to the department regarding the operation of the Medicaid program, the state and federally-funded health program that serves qualifying low-income elderly individuals, pregnant women, children, and people with disabilities.

In 2006, the committee was also charged with assisting the department to examine the future of the Medicaid program. This Medicaid modernization effort is expected to result in long-term planning and program improvements.

Agenda items for the upcoming meeting include: 2007 legislative initiatives, the implementation of the disease management program, PACE Program, mid-level practitioners as primary care providers, State Children's Health Insurance Program reauthorization, Medicaid Management Information Systems Project update, and modernizing Medicaid.

Members include representatives from various health care provider associations, independent living centers, the County Social Services Directors Association, the Governor's Office, and the North Dakota Department of Health; the department's medical consultant; advocates; legislators; and a recipient representative.

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