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**Money Follows the Person grant stakeholder meeting to be held in
Bismarck**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services is holding a Money Follows the Person grant stakeholder meeting Thursday, January 14, 2010, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Pioneer Room at the State Capitol. The public is welcome to attend.

In May 2007, the department received an \$8.9 million federal grant to support community-based services for individuals with disabilities and to help transition eligible individuals from institutions to community settings. The five-year grant is administered by the department's Medical Services Division.

Agenda items include a presentation on a home monitoring system currently being used by the Good Samaritan Society, review of new policy guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and a recap of the consumer stakeholder meetings held this fall. Discussions will also be held on new strategies for identifying eligible participants, the transition review process, benchmark goals for the next three years, and a future system upgrade.

Individuals who need accommodations to participate or who have questions can contact Jacob Reuter at 701-328-2321 or jwreuter@nd.gov, or through Relay ND at 800-366-6888 or 711.

More information on the Money Follows the Person grant is available on the department's Web site at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/mfp.html.

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