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Committee Advising the N.D. Medicaid Program to Meet October 25

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services announced today that the state’s Medicaid Medical Advisory Committee will meet Thursday, Oct. 25, 2012, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Room at the State Capitol. The public is welcome to attend.

The committee meets quarterly to hear reports and to advise the department about the operation of the Medicaid program, which is the state and federally-funded health program that serves qualifying low-income elderly individuals, pregnant women, children, and people with disabilities. Currently, about 66,000 North Dakotans are eligible.

Meeting agenda items include updates on the N.D. Medicaid state plan and administrative rules, developmental disability waiver amendment, health care reform, Money Follows the Person transitions, Children’s Health Insurance Program outreach grant and external quality review, the department’s dental access project, and home and community-based targeted case management.

Additional agenda items include discussion on program integrity efforts, health information technology, and pharmacy services. A complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

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The committee includes legislators, advocates, and representatives from health care provider associations, independent living centers, the County Social Service Directors Association, the Governor’s Office, the N.D. Department of Health, the N.D. Department of Human Services, and a program recipient.

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