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Meetings to Help Enhance Caregiving Skills for Direct Care Workers to be Held in Cavalier and Langdon

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services' Medical Services Division will hold informational meetings for current qualified service providers and anyone interested in exploring this caregiving field on Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2012, in Cavalier and Langdon.

The Cavalier meeting will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Farmer's Room at the Pembina County Courthouse, 301 Dakota St. W. The Langdon meeting will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the North meeting room at the Cavalier County Courthouse, 901 Third St.

Qualified service providers are friends, neighbors, and family members who provide in-home care to older adults and people with disabilities so they can continue to live in their own homes and communities.

The meeting will include an interactive online demonstration on how to complete enrollment forms and billing documents, an overview of programs and services available through the department that support independent living, and a review of provider rates and reimbursement requirements. There will also be a discussion about how to become a qualified service provider as well as the responsibilities associated with the caregiving role.

The department has created a video highlighting the experiences of people providing services for clients as qualified service providers. The 18-minute video is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/services/adultsaging/providers.html.

Individuals interested in becoming a qualified service provider should contact their local county social service office. Information is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/countysocialserv/ and at www.nd.gov/dhs/services/adultsaging/providers.html. People can also call the Department of Human Services toll free at 1-855-GO2-LINK (855-462-5465) or ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888.

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