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Educational Seminar for Direct Care Workers is Jan. 2 in Washburn and Hazen

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services' Medical Services Division will hold educational seminars in Washburn and Hazen for current qualified service providers and anyone interested in being a caregiver.

The Washburn seminar is on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the new McLean County Courthouse, first floor conference room, 710 Fifth Ave. The Hazen meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 2, from 2 to 4 p.m. (Central Standard Time) at the East Hall of the Hazen City Hall, 146 Main St., E.

Qualified service providers are friends, neighbors, family members, and others 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 being a caregiver.

Anyone interested in attending is encouraged to preregister by contacting Katie Yantzer, direct service workforce development coordinator, at 1-800-755-2604, ND Relay TTY 1-800-366-6888 or keyantzer@nd.gov.

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 working as 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 1-800-366-6888.

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