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**Committee Advising the N.D. Medicaid Program to Meet April 26**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services announced today that the state’s Medicaid Medical Advisory Committee will meet Thursday, April 26, 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 developmental disability rate setting project and waiver changes, home and community-based services, health management program, Children’s Health Insurance Program outreach grant and contract, external quality review, and inpatient hospital all patient refined diagnosis related groups (APR/DRGs.)

Additional agenda items include discussion on program integrity, Drug Utilization Review Board, Medicaid prescription drug utilization, and health information technology. Other business may be discussed.

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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