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Informational Meetings for Direct Care Workers to be Held in Fort Yates and Mandan

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services' Medical Services Division will hold informational meetings in Fort Yates and Mandan, N.D., for current qualified service providers and anyone interested in being an in-home caregiver.

Individuals from Burleigh, Emmons, Grant, Kidder, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Oliver, Sheridan, and Sioux counties can participate in these meetings:

Tues., Dec. 10, 2013

- **Fort Yates**, 2 to 4 p.m. (Central Time), Sioux County Social Service Office Conference Room, 105. N. Agency Ave.

Thurs., Dec. 12, 2013

- **Mandan**, 2 to 4 p.m. (Central Time), Morton County Social Service Office Conference Room, 210 Second Ave. N.W.

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 meetings 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 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 Susan McNeil, direct service workforce development coordinator, at 701-328-4090, toll free 800-755-2604, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or smcneil@nd.gov.

The department has created a video highlighting the experiences of people providing services for clients as qualified service providers. The 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/. 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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