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Educational Seminar for Direct Care Workers is May 20 in Devils Lake

BISMARCK, N.D. - The N.D. Department of Human Services' Medical Services Division will hold an educational seminar in Devils Lake on Mon., May 20, 2013, from 1 to 3 p.m. for current qualified service providers and anyone interested in being an in-home caregiver. The event is at the Ramsey County Courthouse, Basement Conference Room, 524 Fourth Ave. N.E. in Devils Lake. The meeting was originally scheduled for Feb. 14, 2013, but was cancelled due to weather.

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.

Individuals from Benson and Ramsey counties can participate in the seminar. To preregister, contact 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 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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