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Informational Meetings for Direct Care Workers to be Held in South Central North Dakota

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

Individuals from Burleigh, Emmons, Grant, and Kidder counties are invited to participate in these meetings.

Thurs., Jan. 9, 2014

- **Bismarck**, 10 a.m. to noon, State Capitol, Judicial Wing, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Pioneer Room

Fri., Jan. 10, 2014

- **Carson**, 10 a.m. to noon (Central Time), Grant County Social Service Office (located inside the Grant County Courthouse), 106 Second Ave. N.E., Social Service Conference Room

Tues., Jan. 14, 2014

- **Steele**, 9 to 11 a.m., Kidder County Social Service Office, 120 E. Broadway, Social Service Conference Room
- **Linton**, 1 to 3 p.m., Emmons County Social Service Office (located inside the Emmons County Courthouse), 100 Fourth St. N.W., Social Service Conference Room

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.

To preregister, contact 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. 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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