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Informational Meeting for Direct Care Workers to be Held in New Town

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services' Medical Services Division will hold an informational meeting in New Town on Wed., April 23, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for current qualified service providers and anyone interested in being an in-home caregiver for older adults and people with disabilities. The event is at the Northern Lights Community Center, 710 East Ave., in New Town.

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 morning session from 10 a.m. to noon will include an interactive online demonstration on how to complete 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. Following lunch, there will be an opportunity to learn how to complete paperwork necessary to enroll as a qualified service provider, and discussion about the responsibilities associated with being a caregiver.

To preregister for the meeting, individuals should 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. Contact information is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/countysocialserv/. People can also call the Department of Human Services toll free at 855-GO2-LINK (855-462-5465) or ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888.

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