

**NEWS from the North Dakota Department of Human Services
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Agency seeks input on North Dakota's Amendment to the State Plan for Independent Living

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services' Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Statewide Independent Living Council are sponsoring a public comment period to allow interested individuals to provide input on North Dakota's amendment to the State Plan for Independent Living. An amendment was required because the Rehabilitation Services Administration awarded North Dakota an additional \$9,292 federal grant. The amendment directs how the additional funds should be distributed to the Centers for Independent Living.

People can provide public comments at the four Centers for Independent Living on July 9, 2014, from 2 to 3 p.m. Interested individuals may attend at any one of the four following locations: Independence, Inc., 300 Third Ave. S.W., Suite F, Minot, N.D.; Options Center for Independent Living, 318 Third St. N.W., East Grand Forks, Minn.; Freedom Resource Center for Independent Living, 2701 Ninth Ave. S.W., Fargo, N.D., or Dakota Center for Independent Living, 3111 E. Broadway Ave., Bismarck, N.D.

Individuals needing accommodations to participate in the public comment period can contact Helen Baumgartner at 1-800-755-2745 or ND Relay TTY 1-800-366-6888 by June 25, 2014.

The department will accept written comments until 5 p.m. (Central Time) on Wednesday, July 9, 2014. People can send them to Helen Baumgartner at the N.D. Department of Human Services' Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, 1237 W. Divide Ave., Suite 1B, Bismarck, N.D., 58501, or hbaumgartner@nd.gov.

The State Plan for Independent Living is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/dvr/policies/state.html. It can also be obtained by calling 701-328-8950, toll free 1-800-755-2745, or ND Relay TTY 1-800-366-6888.

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