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Thomas Solberg named deputy director of Human Services

BISMARCK, N.D. – N.D. Department of Human Services Executive Director Maggie Anderson today announced that Thomas Solberg has been named the department's deputy director. Solberg, who is currently the medical services director for North Dakota's Workforce Safety and Insurance agency, will join Human Services on Sept. 22.

Solberg previously worked for DHS from 1997 to 2005 as the managed care administrator in its Medical Services Division, a position he left to join WSI. Solberg also has a background in private sector health care. He worked for the Altru Health Plan in Grand Forks from 1994 to 1997, and the Heart of America Health Plan in Rugby from 1985 to 1994.

"Tom brings strong health care experience to the Department as well as a dedication to effective service delivery for consumers," Anderson said. "I look forward to working with Tom as the Department manages the programs and services that support the diverse needs of North Dakotans."

Solberg has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Dickinson State University. He is a native of Rugby, N.D.

The Department of Human Services employs about 2,200 people and operates on a biennial budget of \$2.9 billion. The department oversees Medicaid and long-term care support services, the Children's Health Insurance Program (Healthy Steps), economic assistance programs including Child Care Assistance, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program; the Child Support program; Aging Services; Child Welfare Services including child protection, family preservation, foster care, and adoption; Vocational Rehabilitation Services; Developmental Disabilities Services; Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; Autism Services, and Field Services including the State Hospital, the Life Skills and Transition Center, and the eight regional human service centers.

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