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Informational Meetings for Direct Care Workers to be Held in Cooperstown, Fargo, Finley, Hillsboro, and Valley City

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services' Medical Services Division will hold informational meetings in Cooperstown, Fargo, Finley, Hillsboro, and Valley City, N.D., for current qualified service providers and anyone interested in being an in-home caregiver for older adults and people with disabilities.

Individuals from Barnes, Cass, Griggs, Steele, and Traill counties are invited to participate in these meetings.

Thurs., Aug. 14, 2014

- **Cooperstown**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Golden Age Club, 911 Burrel Ave. N.E.

Fri., Aug. 15, 2014

- **Fargo**, 9 to 11 a.m., Cass County Courthouse, 211 Ninth St. S., Grasslands Room

Thurs., Aug. 21, 2014

- **Finley**, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Steele County Courthouse, 201 Washington Ave., Conference Room
- **Hillsboro**, 1 to 3 p.m., Traill County Courthouse (South Annex Second Floor), 114 W. Caledonia Ave., Community Room

Fri., Aug. 22, 2014

- **Valley City**, 9 to 11 a.m., Barnes County Courthouse, 230 Fourth St. N.W., Basement (OPS 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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