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Informational Meetings for Direct Care Workers to be Held in Ft. Yates, Linton, and Stanton

BISMARCK, N.D. - The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Medical Services Division will hold informational meetings in Ft. Yates, Linton, and Stanton for current qualified service providers and anyone interested in being an in-home caregiver for older adults and people with disabilities.

Individuals from Emmons, Mercer, Oliver, and Sioux counties are invited to participate in these meetings.

Mon., March 9, 2015

- **Ft. Yates**, 1 to 3 p.m., Sioux County Social Service Office, 105 N. Agency Ave., Conference Room

Wed., March 11, 2015

- **Stanton**, 1 to 3 p.m., Mercer County Social Service Office, 1030 Arthur St., Board Room

Thurs., March 12, 2015

- **Linton**, 10 a.m. to Noon, Emmons County Social Service Office, 100 E. Fourth St. NW, Courthouse

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 North Dakota 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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