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Informational meeting for direct care workers to be held April 5 in Washburn

BISMARCK, N.D. - The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Medical Services Division will hold an informational meeting in Washburn on April 5, from 1 to 3 p.m., CDT, for current qualified service providers and anyone interested in being an in-home caregiver for older adults and people with disabilities. The meeting will be held at the McLean County Courthouse, at 710 Fifth Ave., in the first floor conference room.

Qualified service providers typically 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.

Meeting participants will learn how to complete provider enrollment forms and billing documents, and will learn about programs and services available through the department that support independent living. A department representative will also review qualified service provider rates and reimbursement requirements and can share information about how to become a qualified service provider, as well as the responsibilities associated with being a caregiver.

There are currently about 28 qualified service providers in McLean County.

"There is always a need for qualified services providers, especially in rural communities," said Karen Tescher, assistant director of the department's Long-Term Care Continuum services.

To learn more about being a qualified services provider, go to www.CaringJobs.ND.gov. This website features information about job duties, pay and benefits, frequently asked questions, as well as a video highlighting the experiences of people working as qualified service providers.

Information about qualified services providers is also available by contacting your local county social service office or calling the North Dakota Department of Human Services toll-free at 1-855-GO2-LINK (855-462-5465) and selecting Option 3, or ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888 or 711 for text-telephone (TTY) users.

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