

**NEWS from the North Dakota Department of Human Services
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Public information meeting scheduled to discuss proposed changes to the home and community-based services waiver that serves people with developmental disabilities

BISMARCK, N.D. - The North Dakota Department of Human Services has scheduled a public information meeting on Thursday, June 30, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Central Time, to share information about changes in the department's Traditional Home and Community-Based Services Waiver. The waiver serves people with intellectual and developmental disabilities by providing an array of home and community-based services in the least restrictive environment.

The public is invited to attend at these locations:

- **Bismarck** - Prairie Hills Plaza, 1237 W. Divide Ave., Ste. 1A, Prairie Rose Room (Door #2 building entrance);
- **Devils Lake** - Lake Region Human Service Center, 200 Highway 2 S.W., East Conference Room;
- **Dickinson** - Badlands Human Service Center, 300 13th Ave. W., Ste. 1, Basement Conference Room (*NOTE: The Dickinson meeting is at 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Mountain Time.*)
- **Fargo** - Southeast Human Service Center, 2624 Ninth Ave. S., DWAC Room;
- **Grafton** - Life Skills and Transition Center, 701 W. Sixth St., Conference Center West;
- **Grand Forks** - Northeast Human Service Center, 151 S. Fourth St., Ste. 401, Meeting Room 5E;
- **Jamestown** - South Central Human Service Center, 520 Third St. N.W., Conference Room 124;
- **Minot** - North Central Human Service Center, 1015 S. Broadway, Ste. 18, Conference Room 411;
- **Williston** - Northwest Human Service Center, 316 Second Ave. W., Conference Room A200.

This meeting is intended to explain the waiver process, to provide information on proposed updated services and service planning to reflect state and federal policy, and to amend the rate methodology as outlined in legislation.

Waivers allow states to develop Medicaid-funded programs that differ from the standard Medicaid program.

Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations to attend the meeting can contact Colette Perkins at 701-328-8935, toll free 800-755-8529, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or cperkins@nd.gov.

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