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Committee advising North Dakota Medicaid Program to meet July 12 in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Medicaid Medical Advisory Committee will meet Tuesday, July 12, from 1 to 5 p.m., Central Time, in the Pioneer Room, Judicial Wing at the State Capitol. The public is welcome to attend the meeting.

The committee meets to hear reports and to advise the department about the operation of the Medicaid program, which is the state and federally-funded health program that serves qualifying individuals, pregnant women, children, and people with disabilities.

The primary focus of the meeting will be on the Medicaid Access Monitoring Plan. The department is required to create the plan with input and review from the committee as part of a final rule issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Committee members will review a draft access plan and will discuss a Medicaid recipient survey, and strategies to collect data to measure access to health care providers and services.

The agenda also includes various Medicaid program updates, as well as updates on the amendments to the Autism Spectrum Disorder Medicaid waiver and Medicaid State Plan, and changes to administrative code.

A complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

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The committee includes legislators, advocates, and representatives from health care provider associations, independent living centers, the County Social Service Directors Association, the Governor's Office, the North Dakota Department of Health, the North Dakota Department of Human Services, and a family member of a program recipient.

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