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Human Services Seeking Comments on Medicaid Expansion Quality Strategy Plan

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Medical Services Division is seeking public comment on the 2018 draft of the North Dakota Medicaid Expansion Quality Strategy Plan. The comprehensive plan includes monitoring and improvement processes to ensure the delivery of quality health care and services to Medicaid Expansion program recipients.

Individuals can review the draft plan online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/medical.html. A copy of the plan can also be obtained by calling 701-328-2321, toll-free 800-755-2604, Relay ND TTY 800-366-6888 or emailing swaloch@nd.gov.

Written comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. CST on Monday, Jan. 29, 2018. They can be sent by mail to the North Dakota Department of Human Services, Medical Services Division, Attn: Stephanie Waloch, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 325, Bismarck, N.D., 58505-0250, fax 701-328-1544 or swaloch@nd.gov.

Medicaid Expansion was authorized by the Affordable Care Act and approved by the North Dakota Legislature in 2013. The program was implemented Jan. 1, 2014, and provides health care coverage to about 20,500 qualifying low-income North Dakotans between the ages of 19 and 64.

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