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ND Medicaid advisory committee to meet Feb. 7 in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Medicaid Medical Advisory Committee will meet Wednesday, Feb. 7, from 1 to 4:30 p.m., in the Brynhild Haugland Room, located in the state Capitol. The meeting is open to the public.

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 pregnant women, children, people with disabilities and other individuals.

The meeting agenda includes updates on various Medicaid state plan amendments and Medicaid waivers, federal reauthorization and funding of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and proposed changes to North Dakota Administrative Code.

There will also be discussion on 21st Century Cures Act provisions relating to durable medical equipment expenditures and publishing a list of physician and primary care providers. Other agenda items include updates on psychotropic drug use, Tribal 638/IHS services received through Medicaid, program integrity and provider enrollment efforts.

A complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/mmac.html.

The public should enter the state Capitol through the south (tunnel) public entrance. Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations, including appropriate auxiliary aids to participate, can contact Melissa Rosales at 701-328-7068, toll-free 800-755-2604, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888 or melrosales@nd.gov.

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 and the North Dakota Department of Human Services, and a family member of a program recipient.

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