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ND Medicaid Advisory Committee to meet Oct. 17 in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Medicaid Medical Advisory Committee will meet Wednesday, Oct. 17, from 1 to 4:30 p.m., in the Brynhild Haugland Room of the state Capitol at 600 E. Boulevard Ave., in Bismarck. 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.

Department staff will provide an update on the state's home and community-based services transition plan, which is open for public comment from families, individuals receiving Medicaid-waiver services, providers and others until Oct. 28. A copy of the proposed plan is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/services/disabilities/dd-hcbs.html. There will also be discussion on two Medicaid state plan amendments, Medicaid waiver amendments and revisions to various Medicaid policies.

Other agenda topics include updates on efforts to claim enhanced funding for services received through Tribal 638/Indian Health Services facilities, the Medicaid managed care and long-term services care studies and program integrity and provider enrollment.

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

The public should enter the Capitol through the south (tunnel) public entrance. Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations, including appropriate auxiliary aids to participate, can contact Missy Rosales at 701-328-4850, 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 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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