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West Central Human Service Center and other adjacent Department of Human Services' offices in Bismarck close due to water main break

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Department of Human Services announced that its West Central Human Service Center (WCHSC), regional vocational rehabilitation office, Disability Determination Services Unit, and department divisions located at its Prairie Hills Plaza location at 1237 W. Divide Ave., in Bismarck, have closed temporarily today, Nov. 6, due to a water main break.

Staff members are notifying people who had scheduled appointments at the regional human service center or meetings at the complex. Medication management services, program management services for people with developmental disabilities, and client crisis line services at the regional human service center will continue to be provided in the community.

The center's 24-hour client crisis line remains available at 701-328-8899 or toll-free at 888-328-2112.

Department officials expect water service will be restored in time to resume regular operating hours on Wednesday.

About 300 department employees work at the west Bismarck location. Central office divisions affected by the temporary closure include Aging Services, Developmental Disability Services, Behavioral Health Services and its Prevention Resource Center, along with the Bismarck regional vocational rehabilitation office and the Disability Determination Services Unit.

WCHSC provides community-based behavioral health services, program management for people with developmental disabilities, aging services, and other services to residents of Burleigh, Emmons, Grant, Kidder, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Oliver, Sheridan, and Sioux counties.

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