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ND Medicaid advisory committee to meet Thursday in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Medicaid Medical Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, Dec. 5, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Central Time in the Pioneer Room located in the Judicial Wing of 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 discussion on a draft charter for the committee and proposed changes to a technology and procedure assessment form. Updates will be provided on the nursing facility payment methodology reform study, an amendment to the Medicaid state plan on targeted case management services for individuals diagnosed with serious mental illness or severe emotional disturbance and plans for the expansion of community-based behavioral health services through a Medicaid 1915(i) state plan amendment.

Department staff members will also provide updates on the transition of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program to traditional Medicaid coverage and the transition of Medicaid Expansion pharmacy services to the department.

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 Stacey Koehly at 701-328-4807, toll-free 800-755-2604, 711 (TTY) or skoehly@nd.gov.

The advisory 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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