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## **Human Services to host second presentation on primary care management reform for ND Medicaid on Feb. 19**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services is hosting its second informational presentation on primary care management reform for North Dakota Medicaid on Wednesday, Feb. 19, from noon to 1 p.m. Central Time.

The presentation will take place only through WebEx at <https://bit.ly/37X9rlg>, access code 803-845-157, password Vdywx6pk. North Dakota Medicaid providers and other stakeholders are invited to attend.

The event's featured speaker is Drew Nelson from Alabama Medicaid. He will share information on Alabama's Coordinated Health Networks (ACHN) program, which launched in October 2019. The program is designed to create a single care coordination delivery system that effectively links patients, providers and community resources in seven regions. The ACHN and primary care providers are incentivized based on health outcomes and the volume of care coordination services. Information about the program is online at <https://bit.ly/2tDB6zc>.

Nelson's presentation will last about 45 minutes, and there will be time reserved at the end for questions and answers. The presentation will be recorded and available for later viewing on the department's website at [www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/provider.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/provider.html).

North Dakota Medicaid is considering a new primary care management model as an alternative to its Primary Care Case Management program that was established in the 1990s. This program helps connect Medicaid members with health care providers who provide and coordinate their care on a consistent basis.

This is the second of three informational presentations planned this year to learn from other state Medicaid programs that have implemented care management models. Last month, South Dakota Medicaid shared information about its Health Home program. About 180 people joined the presentation either in person or online. A recording of the one-hour presentation is online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/provider.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/provider.html).

The department will host its third presentation on March 19 featuring Connecticut's Medicaid Husky Health, a self-insured managed fee-for-service program. Presentation details will be shared at a later date.

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](mailto:skoehly@nd.gov).

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For more information on North Dakota Medicaid's Primary Care Case Management program, visit [www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/managedcare.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/managedcare.html).

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