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Human Services to host third presentation on March 19 on primary care management reform for ND Medicaid

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services is hosting its third informational presentation on primary care management reform for North Dakota Medicaid on Thursday, March 19, from 3 to 4 p.m. Central Time. The presentation will be available through Skype video conference at <https://bit.ly/3cqpykp> or by phone at 701-328-0950, passcode 827948193#. North Dakota Medicaid providers and other stakeholders are invited to attend.

The event's featured speaker is Kate McEvoy from Connecticut Medicaid. She will share information on HUSKY Health, a self-insured managed fee-for-service model that has improved outcomes for both Medicaid members and health care providers. In 2012, Connecticut migrated its medical services from a managed care program with a per member per month fee to a model where services are managed in partnership with administrative services organizations.

McEvoy'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.

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 a primary health care provider who provides and coordinates their care on a consistent basis. Information is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/managedcare.html.

This is the third informational presentation held this year to learn from other state Medicaid programs that have implemented care management models. Earlier this year, South Dakota Medicaid shared information about its Health Home program, and Alabama Medicaid presented on its Coordinated Health Networks program. Recordings of both presentations are online at www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/provider.html.

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.

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