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ND Medicaid advisory committee to meet March 10 in Bismarck to announce new members, committee charter and more

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Medicaid Medical Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 10, from 5 to 8 p.m. Central Time to discuss reorganization of the committee and announce a new 25-member committee and charter. The meeting will be held in the Pioneer Room in the Judicial Wing of the state Capitol. The meeting is open to the public and Medicaid enrollees are encouraged to attend.

The committee provides input on key initiatives, policies and administration of North Dakota Medicaid, 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 updates on the new Human Service Zones, formerly known as county social service offices and the draft Medicaid 1915(i) state plan amendment for community-based behavioral health services, which is open for public comment through March 19 at <https://www.behavioralhealth.nd.gov/1915i>.

Other topics include discussion on primary care management reform presentations held earlier this year that featured South Dakota Medicaid's Health Home Program and Alabama Medicaid's Coordinated Health Networks; changes to a technology and procedure assessment form; and proposed subcommittees to focus on Medicaid enrollee communications and Medicaid codes and services.

Meeting attendees will also hear updates on the nursing facility payment methodology reform study, a Medicaid state plan amendment on targeted case management services for individuals diagnosed with serious mental illness or severe emotional disturbance, and the transitions of Medicaid Expansion pharmacy services to the department and children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program to traditional Medicaid coverage.

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 by 5:30 p.m. 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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