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Medical Medical Advisory Committee Meeting June 5

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Medicaid Medical Advisory Committee will meet Thursday, June 5, 2008, at 1 p.m. in the Pioneer Room, Judicial Wing of the Capitol, in Bismarck. The public is welcome to attend.

The committee meets quarterly to hear reports from the North Dakota Department of Human Services and to advise the department about the operation of the Medicaid program. Medicaid is the state and federally-funded health program that serves qualifying low-income elderly individuals, pregnant women, children, and people with disabilities.

Meeting agenda items include: 2009-2011 budget preparation discussion, Medicaid Systems Project update, 2007 legislative initiatives update on prior authorization and other matters, and the 2009 session including a review of North Dakota Century Code changes. The upcoming meeting agenda also includes Medicaid program updates and discussion regarding the Program for the All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), targeted case management, disease management, and the personal needs allowance.

The committee is comprised of representatives from various health care provider associations, independent living centers, the County Social Services Directors Association, the Governor's Office, and the North Dakota Department of Health; the Department of Human Services' medical consultant; advocates; legislators; and a recipient representative.

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