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**North Dakota reaches settlement with drug company**

BISMARCK, N.D. - The North Dakota Department of Human Services has reached a \$174,739 settlement with drug manufacturer Eli Lilly and Company. The settlement involves Medicaid restitution and additional recoveries and is part of a \$1.4 billion agreement the states and the federal government reached with the company to settle allegations that it improperly marketed the anti-psychotic drug Zyprexa from 1999 to 2005.

The settlement reimburses the federal government and participating states for excessive amounts paid by the Medicaid program as a result of improper marketing practices. North Dakota's Medicaid program, which provides health services to qualifying low-income elderly individuals, pregnant women, children, and people with disabilities, is funded by both the federal government and the state.

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