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ND Medicaid hosting COVID-19 response webinar on April 24

BISMARCK, N.D. – North Dakota Medicaid is hosting a webinar on Friday, April 24, from 1 to 2 p.m. Central Time to provide an update to providers, partners and other stakeholders on its response to the pandemic and answer any Medicaid-related questions pertaining to medical services and COVID-19.

The webinar will be available through Microsoft Teams at <https://bit.ly/2VuRo8B> or by phone at 701-328-0950, conference ID code 429118138#. Attendees can join from any computer or mobile device. The webinar will be recorded and available for later viewing on the department's website at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/covid-19/program-policy.html.

The meeting will begin with an update on the impact of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act on the Medicaid program. North Dakota Medicaid officials will provide an update on the federal disaster Medicaid state plan amendments recently approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other meeting topics include the impact of North Dakota's hospital and nursing home surge plan on Medicaid and a simplified enrollment process for qualified service providers who provide home and community-based services to older adults and people with disabilities. Results from a recent COVID-19 Medicaid provider survey will also be shared.

Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations, including auxiliary aids to participate, can contact Stacey Koehly at 701-328-4807, toll-free 800-755-2604, 711 (TTY) or skoehly@nd.gov.

Over the past month, North Dakota Medicaid has issued guidance to providers and other stakeholders about the flexibilities available to continue to provide access to care during the COVID-19 pandemic. The state received a temporary waiver from CMS to ease Medicaid requirements to ensure sufficient health care services and resources are available to meet the needs of individuals enrolled in the program. Also, the state received federal approval on an Appendix K to existing 1915(c) Medicaid waivers that allow for temporary flexibility in how Medicaid-funded services are delivered during the pandemic.

This is the fourth webinar hosted by North Dakota Medicaid on its response to COVID-19.

For more information on the North Dakota Department of Human Services response to COVID-19, visit www.nd.gov/dhs/info/covid19/index.html.

For details about the state's COVID-19 response, visit www.ndresponse.gov.

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