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2007 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES

SB 2130

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 2130

Senate Human Services Committee

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Hearing Date: 1-09-07

Recorder Job Number: 815

Committee Clerk Signature	<i>Mary K Monson</i>
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Minutes:

Senator J. Lee, Chairman, opened the hearing on SB 2130 relating to psychiatric residential treatment facilities for children; to provide an effective date; and to declare an emergency.

Paul Ronningen (Director, Children and Family Services with the Dept. of Human Services)

Distributed a Glossary of Terms and Acronyms. Presented written testimony supporting SB 2130. (See attached.)

Senator Warner asked if Medicaid becomes the sole source of funding for these facilities once accredited.

Mr. Ronningen said that would be correct.

Senator Warner asked if this would affect their ability to receive private insurance or charitable contributions.

Mr. Ronningen said it does not affect having a third party paying.

Senator Warner asked if the testimony only relates to the state welfare contributions.

Mr. Ronningen replied that was correct.

There was no opposing or neutral testimony.

The hearing on SB 2130 was closed.

Senator Dever moved a **Do Pass**. Seconded by **Senator Erbele**. Roll call vote 6-0-0.

Passed. Floor carrier is **Senator Pomeroy**.

Date: 1-9-07
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2130

Senate HUMAN SERVICES Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Sen. Dever Seconded By Sen. Erbele

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Judy Lee, Chairman	✓		Senator Joan Heckaman	✓	
Senator Robert Erbele, V. Chair	✓		Senator Jim Pomeroy	✓	
Senator Dick Dever	✓		Senator John M. Warner	✓	

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Sen. Pomeroy

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 9, 2007 1:17 p.m.

Module No: SR-05-0360
Carrier: Pomeroy
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2130: Human Services Committee (Sen. J. Lee, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2130 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.

2007 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

SB 2130

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. SB 2130

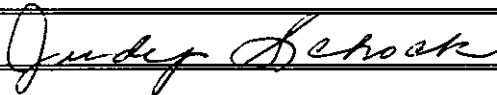
House Human Services Committee

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Hearing Date: February 21, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 3575 & 3576

Committee Clerk Signature



Minutes:

Chairman Price: We will open the hearing on SB 2130.

Paul Ronningen, Director, Children and Family Services with the Department of Human Services: This is more of a housed keeping bill. See attached testimony.

Representative Conrad: Who is the accrediting body? Are these specific to children?

Mr. Ronningen: We have several, JACO, COA which is counseling on accreditation, and there are several others. These are specific to the PRTF's dealing with children.

Representative Weisz: You stated that once accredited; Medicaid was the sole source of funding. What was the source of funding was in place prior to that?

Mr. Ronningen: Before July 1st 2006 we had a rehab rate which paid for the therapies from Medicaid and the maintenance rate was paid by a combination of state, county employee dollars.

Representative Conrad: With the funds in the budget for Medicaid eligible with out having to transferring custody to get Medicaid.

Chairman Price:

Anyone else to testify in SB 2130, if not is there any opposition? Hearing none we will close the hearing on SB 2130.

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House Human Services Committee

Bill/Resolution No. SB 2130

Hearing Date: February 21, 2007

Chairman Price: take SB 2130 out and we will take action on the bill.

Representative Kaldor: moves a do pass on SB 2130, seconded by **Representative**

Porter. **Chairman Price** asks for questions or discussion if not we will call the roll. The vote was 12 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 absent. **Representative Kaldor** will carry the bill to the floor.

Date: 7/21
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
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House HUMAN SERVICES

SB 2130

Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number

Action Taken

Motion Made By Rep.

Seconded By

Rep.

Representatives		Yes	No	Representatives		Yes	No
Clara Sue Price - Chairman		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Kari L Conrad		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Vonnie Pietsch - Vice Chairman		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Lee Kaldor		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Chuck Damschen		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Louise Potter		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Patrick R. Hatlestad		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Jasper Schneider		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Curt Hofstad		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
Todd Porter		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
Gerry Uglem		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
Robin Weisz		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
Total	(Yes)	12					

Total (Yes) 12 "Click here to type Yes Vote" No 0 "Click here to type No Vote"

Absent

Floor Assignment Rep.

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2130: Human Services Committee (Rep. Price, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2130 was placed on the
Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2007 TESTIMONY

SB 2130

Testimony
Senate Bill 2130 – Department of Human Services
Senate Human Services Committee
Senator Lee, Chairman
January 9, 2007

Chairman Lee and members of the Senate Human Services Committee, my name is Paul Ronningen, Director, Children and Family Services with the Department of Human Services. I am here today to present testimony regarding Senate Bill 2130. The Department supports the passage of this bill.

Senate Bill 2130 is primarily a housekeeping bill that addresses the changes in our Medicaid Program. As of July 1st, 2006 Medicaid could no longer make payments to Residential Treatment Centers (RTC's), but could only make payments to Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF's). This designation by Medicaid required that each of the six providers obtain accreditation. Once accredited, Medicaid became the sole source of funding for these facilities. Five of the facilities were accredited by July 1, 2006 and the sixth facility was accredited in December 2006.

Some of the housekeeping changes include:

- a) Changing "residential treatment center" to "psychiatric residential treatment facility".
- b) Adding a definition of "child or children" that is consistent with Medicaid policy and thus dropping the word adolescent.
- c) Adding that the facility must meet the requirements set out in title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, part 483-354 which defines the requirements of a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility.

- d) Clarifies that the facility develops an individualized post-discharge plan and coordinates this plan with the child's parents, school and community.

Finally, the expiration date on the moratorium section in this bill (75-03.2-03.1) has been over struck to avoid a potential conflict between this bill and the moratorium bill SB 2066. The Department is requesting that the moratorium continue in SB 2066 and thus the continuation of the moratorium will be addressed during those hearings.

This concludes my testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions.



Glossary of Terms and Acronyms

December 2006

960 - Refers to the State Form Number 960 (SFN 960) for the reporting of suspected child abuse or neglect.

AASK - Addults Adopting Special Kids is a collaboration involving the department's Children and Family Services Division, Catholic Charities North Dakota, and PATH ND. They work together to promote and facilitate the adoption of children with special needs from the foster care system.

Abuse - Any willful act or omission of a caregiver or any other person, which results in physical injury, mental anguish, unreasonable confinement, sexual abuse or exploitation, or financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult.

Abused Child - An individual under the age of 18 who is suffering from serious physical harm or traumatic abuse caused by other than accidental means by a person responsible for the individual's welfare.

Access Services - Services such as transportation, escort/shopping assistance, outreach, and information and assistance, which help people to identify, obtain, and use existing services.

Acute Care Unit - A service unit in the department's Human Service Centers that provides general outpatient mental health services.

ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 [Pub. L. 101-336; 104 Stat. 327; 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.]

ADL - Activity of Daily Living. Self care activities performed daily such as: bathing, dressing, toileting, transferring to and from a bed or chair, mobility, continence, and eating/feeding.

Administrative Assessment - Process of documenting reports of suspected child abuse or neglect that do not meet the criteria for a Child Protection Services Assessment.

Administrative Referral - Process of documenting the referral of reports of suspected child abuse or neglect that fall outside the jurisdiction of the county where the report is received.

Adoption Assistance - A form of monetary assistance to families adopting children from foster care who have special needs. This assistance can take the form of a monthly payment, Medicaid as a backup to a family's private health insurance, or reimbursement of nonrecurring expenses related to adoption.

Adoption Search/Disclosure - The process whereby an adopted individual, a birth parent, or birth sibling of an adopted individual, or an adult child of a deceased adopted individual can request and receive identifying information related to the adoption.

Adoption Subsidy - See Adoption Assistance.

Adult Day Care - A program of non-residential activities provided at least three (3) hours per day on a regularly scheduled basis one or more days per week and encompassing both health and social services needed to ensure the optimal functioning of the individual.

Adult Education Transition Services (AETS) - Refers to services provided to students 18-21 years of age who are eligible for Developmental Disabilities Case Management Services and can benefit from residential and/or day services provided in the developmental disabilities system while they are still in school. This is a joint initiative between the Department of Public Instruction and the Department of Human Services. Individuals must meet eligibility requirements. Education agencies and Medicaid provide funding.

Adult Family (Foster) Care - Provision of 24-hour room, board, supervision, and extra care to adults who are unable to function independently or who may benefit from a family home environment. Care is provided in a licensed home.

ACJ - Alliance for Children's Justice is a statewide multi-disciplinary coalition of professionals and parents dedicated to quality child protection services in North Dakota.

ADRC - Aging and Disability Resource Center is a visible and trusted place at the community-level where people can turn for information and counseling on all available long term support and service options. It functions as a single point of entry to public long term support programs and services. North Dakota does not have an ADRC. A federal grant program currently funds centers in 43 states.

Arrearages - Past-due, unpaid child support owed by the noncustodial parent. Also may be referred to as "arrear."s

ASAM - American Society of Addiction Medicine, Patient Placement Criteria, Second Edition-Revised. These are the clinical guidelines used for matching clients to the appropriate level of care for the treatment of substance-related disorders.

ASFA - The Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 [Pub. L. 105-89; 111 Stat. 2115; 42 U.S.C. § 1305 et seq.] is federal legislation to shorten the length of time in foster care and to ensure safety and permanency for children.

Assisted Living - An environment that helps people maintain as much independence as possible by providing apartment-like units and individualized support services, which accommodate individual needs and abilities.

Assistive Technology (AT) Device - Any item or piece of equipment used to maintain or improve the functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities.

Assistive Technology (AT) Service - Any service that directly assists an individual with a disability in selecting, acquiring or using an assistive technology device. AT services may include: evaluation, purchasing, designing, leasing, training for individuals, family members, and professionals; and coordinating therapies. It also includes services that expand access to electronic and information technology for people with disabilities.

Attendant Care Service - Hands-on care, of both supportive and medical nature, specific to a client who is ventilator-dependent for a minimum of 20 hours per day. The services are provided under the direction of a licensed nurse who is enrolled with the Department of Human Services to provide Nurse Management.

Basic Care Assistance Program - Supplements room and board payments made by individuals of limited means living in basic care facilities. The Basic Care Assistance Program is funded with state general funds.

Basic Care Facility - A licensed facility for aged, blind or disabled individuals who do not require extensive medical care.

BEST - Basic Employment and Skills Training program provides motivation and job seeking skills to Food Stamp recipients who are required to register for work. The department contracts with Job Service North Dakota to provide the service in Burleigh County and Cass County.

Business Services - Part of Vocational Rehabilitation, *Business Services* is also known as *Rehabilitation Consulting and Services* and provides consultation, technical assistance, and information to businesses so they can resolve disability-related issues and have an available source of qualified employees.

CA/N - Child Abuse and Neglect

Care Coordinator - Describes the comprehensive case manager in a child and family case involving severe emotional disturbance.

CARF - Commission for Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities

Case Management - A process in which a professional case manager assesses the needs of the client and arranges, coordinates, monitors and evaluates services, and advocates to meet the specific client's needs in the least restrictive environment.

CCAP - Child Care Assistance Program provides partial payment for child care services provided to children from qualifying low-income families.

CCWIPS - The Comprehensive Child Welfare, Information, and Payment System is a computerized case management and payment system for foster care and adoption services.

CFS - Refers to the Children and Family Services Division of the Department of Human Services. CFS has administrative responsibility for the policies and procedures relating to children and families. The division is responsible for program supervision and technical assistance for the delivery of public child welfare services.

CFSR - Children and Family Services Revue is a federal child welfare review conducted in all states. North Dakota uses this same review process and conducts Child Welfare Reviews in each region of the state once each year.

Child and Family Team - Related to children's mental health services and child welfare services, the Child and Family Team consists of the child, family and persons most pertinent in the life of the child and family, as determined by the family (in most instances). The team meets to identify family strengths, needs, risks, and resources to reduce and/or eliminate the risk of removal from the home, reunification, emotional and educational needs, child abuse and neglect and ensure the safety, permanency and well-being of children and families.

Child Fatality Review Panel - A multi-professional group that meets to review the deaths of all minors in the state and identifies trends or patterns in the deaths of minors.

Chore Service - These tasks enable a client to remain in the home. Tasks include heavy housework and periodic cleaning, professional extermination, snow removal, and the task must be the responsibility of the client and not the responsibility of the landlord. Emergency Response Systems (ERS), such as electronic devices enabling the client to secure help in an emergency by activating the "help" button, are also available under this service.

CIL - Center for Independent Living. The four CILs serving North Dakota provide services to individuals with disabilities so they can live and work more independently in their homes and communities.

Client Assistance Program (CAP) - Designed to inform and advise all Vocational Rehabilitation clients and applicants about the benefits available under the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and to assist clients in securing those services.

CMHS Block Grant - Community Mental Health Service Block Grant

Congregate Care - Refers to a specialized group residential facility that provides programming for elderly individuals with mental retardation to help them maintain their current level of functioning. The health and medical conditions of the individuals served are stable and do not require continued nursing or medical care.

Continuum of Care - A functional philosophy that seeks to ensure clients receive the right service in the right place, at the right time.

Corporate Guardianship - A service purchased on behalf of individuals eligible for developmental disabilities case management services when a district court has determined the individual requires a guardian and no one else is available to serve as guardian.

The Council - This organization accredits providers of services for mentally retarded/developmentally disabled persons.

CP - For child support purposes, the Custodial Parent is the person (generally a parent) who has primary care, custody, and control of a child or, if a court has made a custody determination, the person who has legal custody of a child.

CPS - Child Protection Services protect the health and welfare of children by encouraging the reporting of children known to be or suspected of being abused or neglected; provide services for the protection and treatment of abused and neglected children to protect them from further harm.

CPS Assessment - A fact finding process designed to provide information that enables a determination to be made whether services are required for the protection and treatment of a child. These assessments are completed by County Social Service Board social workers.

CPS Assessment Decision - The result of a CPS assessment, which reflects whether services are required for the protection and treatment of an abused or neglected child.

CRU - Crisis Residential Units provide generally short-term stabilization and support to individuals diagnosed with mental illness and/or chemical dependence who are experiencing crisis as a result of exacerbation of symptoms.

CSAP - Center for Substance Abuse Prevention is the sole Federal organization with responsibility for improving accessibility and quality of substance abuse prevention services.

CSAT - Center for Substance Abuse Treatment is a component of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) that works to expand the availability of effective treatment and recovery services for alcohol and drug problems.

CSCC - Children Services Coordinating Committee

CSHCN - Children with Special Health Care Needs. As defined at the federal level, this population of children has or is at increased risk for chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional conditions requiring health and related services of a type or amount beyond that required by children generally.

CSHS - Children's Special Health Services (formerly Crippled Children's Services) is a unit in the Medical Services Division of the Department of Human Services, which provides services directly or through contracts to children with special health care needs and their families.

Day Supports - This is a single day program, which encompasses services previously known as Developmental Day Activity, Developmental Work Activity, Prevocational Work Activity and Adult Day Care. Day supports may include assistance with acquisition, retention or improvement in self-help, socialization and adaptive skills; provision of social, recreational, and therapeutic activities to maintain physical, recreational, personal care, and community integration skills; development of non-job task oriented prevocational skills such as compliance, attendance, task completion, problem solving and safety; and supervision for health and safety. Services are provided in settings appropriate to an individual's needs.

DD - Refers to the Developmental Disabilities service system, which provides case management, day supports, residential services, and family support services to individuals with mental retardation or developmental disabilities of all ages, and early intervention services to infants and toddlers who are at risk for, or experiencing developmental delays.

DDS - Disability Determination Services makes eligibility decisions for Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income so that eligible individuals can receive disability benefits. This is a unit of the department's Disability Services Division.

Debit Card - A card that may be used to electronically withdraw account deposits at an Automated Teller Machine (ATM) or a bank teller window, or to use at a point-of-sale (POS) machine to purchase goods, or services, or to obtain cash. Debit cards are used by the Department of Human Services to pay cash assistance under TANF programs and to distribute child support payments to custodial parents. Custodial parents receiving child support payments may also choose "direct deposit" as an alternative.

Determination - The result of an assessment of suspected institutional child abuse or neglect.

Developmental Disability - Refers to a severe chronic condition that constitutes a lifelong mental or physical impairment, which became apparent during childhood and has hampered an individual's ability to participate in mainstream society, either socially or vocationally.

Direct Deposit - For child support purposes, it is a process involving the electronic funds transfer of support payments from the State Disbursement Unit (SDU) into a custodial parent's bank account. This is done only upon the request of the custodial parent.

Custodial parents may also choose an alternative method of receiving payments via a debit card.

Disease Management - A system of coordinated healthcare interventions and communications for populations with conditions in which patient self-care efforts are significant (for example, Medicaid recipients). Disease management: (1) supports the physician or practitioner/patient relationship and plan of care, (2) emphasizes prevention of exacerbations and complications using evidence-based practice guidelines and empowerment strategies, and (3) evaluates clinical, quality of life and economic outcomes on an on-going basis with a goal of improving participants overall health.

Diversion Assistance - An alternative to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) assistance, Diversion Assistance is available for no more than four months in a year, and is intended to allow individuals to avoid some of the complications of TANF in an effort to quickly achieve self-sufficiency.

DJS - Division of Juvenile Services is a division of the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. DJS is responsible for the custody of delinquent and unruly children placed in its care by the courts.

DRA - Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 [Pub. L. 109-171; 120 Stat. 4; 42 U.S.C. § 1108, et seq.]

Dual Diagnosed - Diagnosed with two disorders such as those individuals diagnosed with mental illness and chemical dependence or individuals diagnosed with mental illness and developmental disabilities.

Dual Eligibles - Individuals who qualify for both Medicaid (state and federally-funded health coverage for low-income persons) and Medicare (federal health coverage program for persons age 65 and older and other qualifying individuals with disabilities). Before Medicare Part D (the Medicare Prescription Drug benefit) became available in 2006, their medications were provided by North Dakota Medicaid.

DUR Board - Drug Ut看ilization Revue Board is a volunteer board whose makeup and duties appear in Code of Federal Regulations and subsequently in state statute. Comprised of pharmacists and physicians, the Board was established to advise the Medicaid program on prior authorization and other pharmacy cost control and utilization matters.

EAP - Economic Assistance Policy is a division of the department that administers policy for and includes the following programs: Child Care Assistance Program, Basic Care Assistance Program, Energy Assistance (also referred to as Low Income Home Energy Assistance, or LIHEAP), Food Stamps, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), including Diversion Assistance and Job Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS). EAP is also responsible for Medicaid Estate Recovery, Quality Control, and System Support and Development.

Early Intervention Services - Refers to a statewide program for infants and toddlers who range from newborn to three years of age who have a developmental delay, disability, or a condition that could result in substantial limitations if intervention is not provided. Intervention services are designed to help address the physical and developmental needs of children, and to augment the capacity of their families to meet their special needs.

EFT - Electronic Funds Transfer is a process by which money is transmitted electronically from one bank to another.

Environmental Modification - Physical adaptations to the home necessary to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of a client or that enable a client to function with greater independence in his/her home.

Expanded SPED Program - Expanded Service Payments to the Elderly and Disabled Program is a companion program to the Basic Care Assistance Program. It pays for services that can be provided in the home and community so that institutionalization in a basic care facility is avoided. The Expanded SPED Program is funded with state general funds.

Extended Services - This refers to long term supports provided by a job coach for individuals with disabilities employed in the community.

FACSES - The Fully Automated Child Support Enforcement System is the statewide automated system that supports the case processing of 50,000+ child support cases in North Dakota and supports the State Disbursement Unit (SDU) in processing child support payments.

Family Caregiver Support Program - Federally funded under the Older Americans Act, this Aging Services program offers help to caregivers who are caring for an adult age 60 or older, or who are themselves age 60 years or older and are caring for grandchildren or other relatives who are age 18 or younger. Services include information and referral, assistance from a trained caregiver coordinator to help caregivers assess needs and access support services, individual and family counseling, support groups, training, and respite care for caregivers.

Family Group Decision Making - Relating to the provision of child welfare services, this is defined as a strengths-based collaborative, coordinated decision making process using family, agency and support service resources to ensure the safety, permanency and well-being of children and families.

Family Home Care - The provision of room, board, supervisory care, and personal service to an eligible elderly or disabled individual by the spouse or by one of the following relatives, or the current or former spouse of one of the following relatives of the elderly or disabled person: parent, grandparent, adult child, adult sibling, adult grandchild, adult niece, or adult nephew. The family home care provider does not need to be present in the home on a 24-hour basis if the welfare and safety of the client is maintained.

Family Subsidy - A program that may reimburse a family for excess expenses related to their child's disability. This offers support to enable families to keep their children in their homes when lack of financial support would make it very difficult for families to care for their children at home. A child may be eligible for this program through age 21.

Family Support Services - Refers to services, which are provided for eligible individuals with developmental disabilities to enable them to remain in appropriate home environments. Services are based on the primary caregiver's need for support in meeting the health, safety, developmental and personal care needs of their family member. Personal care needs include activities of daily living such as eating, bathing, dressing, and personal hygiene. When the eligible client is a minor, out-of-home support may also be provided in a licensed family home. This Family Care Option may be appropriate for children who cannot

remain in their family home on a full-time basis. It is available only if the child is not considered deprived within the definition of NDCC 27-20-02 (5), and is not considered boarding care according to the definition of the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction.

FFY - Federal Fiscal Year runs from October 1 to September 30.

FIDM - The Financial Institution Data Match process is operated by the Child Support Enforcement program in coordination with financial institutions and pursuant to federal and state laws. The process provides for a data match system in which account records are matched with child support cases.

FLEP - Family Life Education Program. The department of human services is required by law (NDCC 50-06-06.10) to enter into an agreement with the North Dakota State University extension service for the design of a program to educate and support individuals at all points within the family life cycle. The program must provide support for families and youth with research-based information relating to personal, family, and community concerns and must contain a research component aimed at evaluation of planned methods or programs for prevention of family and social problems. The program must address: 1) child and youth development; 2) parent education with an emphasis on parents as educators; 3) human development; 4) interpersonal relationships; 5) family interaction and family systems; 6) family economics; 7) intergenerational issues; 8) impact of societal changes on the family; 9) coping skills; and 10) community networks and supports for families.

FMAP - Federal Medical Assistance Percentage is the federal matching rate for the Medicaid program. FMAP changes annually on October 1.

Food Stamps - A program that raises levels of nutrition among low-income households by supplementing their food purchasing power with monthly benefits distributed through an electronic benefit card.

GA - General Assistance is a county program designed to cover emergency needs of low-income individuals or families. The covered needs may include rent, fuel and utilities, medical, and burial expenses.

Guardian Ad Litem - A court-appointed child advocate mandated by North Dakota law for all abused and neglected children involved in a Juvenile Court proceeding.

HCBS - Home and Community Based Services refers to the array of services that are essential and appropriate to sustain individuals in their homes and communities, and to delay or prevent institutional care.

Health Care Trust Fund - This trust fund was established by the 1999 North Dakota Legislature as a source of funding for grants and loans to pay for legislatively approved projects.

Health Tracks - See North Dakota Health Tracks.

Healthy Steps - Is North Dakota's Children's Health Insurance Program that offers comprehensive health coverage for children 18 years of age and younger. To qualify, a child's family must have a net income that is greater than the Medicaid eligibility level, but not exceeding 140% of the federal poverty level. (Deductions for child care, child support,

and taxes are allowed when determining eligible income.) Healthy Steps is a "State Children's Health Insurance Program" (SCHIP).

HIPAA - Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 [Pub. L. 104-191; 110 Stat. 1936; 42 U.S.C. § 1301 et seq.] that among other things standardizes the format of certain health care information that is transmitted electronically and regulates the release of health care information. HIPAA impacts entities (and their computer systems) that handle individual health care information.

Homemaker Service - Provides nonpersonal care tasks such as housekeeping, laundry, and shopping. This allows an individual to maintain or develop the independence needed to remain in the home.

IADL - Instrumental Activities of Daily Living are considered more complex tasks than those comprised by activities of daily living (ADLs). Performance of tasks such as these requires mental/cognitive (memory, judgment, intellectual ability) and/or physical ability. IADL are usually identified as preparing meals, shopping, managing money, doing housework and laundry, taking medication, self-transportation, and using the telephone.

ICFMR - Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded. A residential facility operated pursuant to federal regulations and serving people with mental retardation and related conditions. The programming provided in this type of residence is for individuals with extensive needs. Each client must receive a continuous active treatment program, which includes an aggressive and consistent program of training, health services, and related services so that the client acquires the ability to function with as much self-determination and independence as possible.

ICWA - Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 [Pub. L. 95-608; 92 Stat. 3069; 25 USCA § 1901 et seq.] This law recognizes the importance of allowing tribal courts to assume full responsibility for the placement of Indian children in foster care and adoptive homes. Under ICWA, Indian tribes may intervene in such State court proceedings concerning Indian children, and Indian Tribal courts have exclusive jurisdiction over some such proceedings.

Individualized Supported Living Arrangement (ISLA) - This residential service is provided to people with developmental disabilities and/or mental retardation in their own homes or apartments. The level of support provided is individualized to the person's need for training and assistance with personal care, laundry, money management, etc. Individuals who receive ISLA typically need a higher level of support than people in Supported Living Arrangement (SLA).

Infant Development - Home-based, family focused services that provide supports to families of eligible infants and toddlers at high risk for, or with developmental delays or disabilities. An Individual Family Service Plan is developed that identifies services and learning opportunities that support the family in meeting the needs of their child, enhance their child's development, and increase the child's and family's participation in everyday routines and activities within the home and community. An eligible child may receive Infant Development services until he or she is three years of age.

Institutional Child Abuse or Neglect - Situations of known or suspected child abuse or neglect where the person responsible for the child's welfare is an employee of a residential child care facility, a treatment or care center for the mentally retarded, a public or private residential educational facility, a maternity home, or any residential facility owned or managed by the state or a political subdivision of the state.

Intensive In-Home Services - Services provided under contract with a private agency to families who have at least one child about to be placed in foster care. The program's purpose is to preserve the family, prevent foster care, and assist with family re-unification of children who are placed in foster care.

Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) - A complex funding process that was used by North Dakota and about 20 other states to access extra federal Medicaid dollars. The Health Care Financing Administration approved the IGT as part of North Dakota's Medicaid State Plan Amendment. Funds generated by the IGT were deposited into the Health Care Trust Fund. In a compromise worked out in Congress, this source of extra federal Medicaid funding has been phased out. The final North Dakota payment was in July 2004.

IPAT - Refers to the Interagency Program for Assistive Technology. IPAT's mission is to increase access to assistive technology devices and services for individuals with disabilities regardless of their type of disability, age, or income level in order to positively impact work, independent living, learning, community involvement and recreation.

IV-D - Refers to Title IV-D of the Social Security Act [Pub. L. 93-647; 42 U.S.C. title IV-D]. A Child Support Enforcement program that provides services to locate parents, to establish paternity, to establish child support and medical support obligations, to enforce child support and medical support obligations, and to review and adjust obligations. Services are provided to families receiving public assistance [through Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Medicaid], in cases in which a child has been placed in foster care or upon application for services from either parent.

IPE - Is an Individualized Plan for Employment. It describes the nature and scope of rehabilitation, employment and training services provided to an individual with a disability to help that individual reach his or her employment goal. A Vocational Rehabilitation counselor and the client write the client's IPE.

JCAHO - Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

JOBS - Job Opportunities and Basic Skills program provides vocational training and employment for eligible individuals through TANF for the purpose of entering or reentering the job market. Program services are administered by Job Service North Dakota under contract with the Department of Human Services.

Kinship Care - A Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program that allows relatives, with supportive services, to provide care and protection to children who are under the care, custody, and control of County Social Services and who would otherwise be in foster care.

LIHEAP - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Commonly referred to as the energy assistance program, LIHEAP provides heating assistance grants and services for qualifying low-income households. Benefits equal each household's estimated cost of heat minus a percentage of the household's income and are usually paid directly to a heating fuel supplier.

Local Child Protection Team - A multidisciplinary team of staff members from public and private community agencies who assist child protection service agencies to make decisions and recommendations for families involved in Child Protection System (CPS) assessments.

Long Term Care Facility - (As defined by North Dakota law) A nursing facility, basic care facility or swing bed hospital unit.

Long Term Care Ombudsman - A person who identifies, investigates, and resolves complaints made by or on behalf of residents of long term care facilities and tenants of assisted living facilities. The ombudsman also works in other ways to protect the health, safety, welfare, and rights of residents.

MA - Medical Assistance, commonly referred to as "Medicaid," provides medical assistance to certain specified groups of needy low-income individuals as defined by federal law.

Managed Care - A system of health care that combines delivery and payment and influences utilization of services by employing management techniques (i.e., case management, referral for specialty services, etc.) designed to promote the delivery of cost-effective health care.

MDS - Minimum Data Set is an assessment used to determine a nursing facility resident's classification for rate setting purposes.

Medicaid - See MA above.

Medicaid Waiver for Home and Community Based Services - A program authorized by federal law that funds in-home and community based services to individuals who meet Medicaid eligibility standards and require the level of care provided in a nursing facility. This waiver combines the previously separate waivers for aged and disabled and traumatic brain injury populations. The waiver's goal is to adequately and appropriately sustain individuals in their own homes and communities and to delay or divert institutional care. The waiver provides service options for a continuum of home and community based services in the least restrictive environment.

Medicaid Waiver for Mentally Retarded and Developmentally Disabled - A program authorized by federal law that funds in-home and community based services for individuals with mental retardation and/or developmental disabilities who meet Medicaid eligibility standards and require the level of care provided in an Intermediate Care Facility for Mentally Retarded (ICFMR).

Medicare Part D - The federal Medicare Prescription Drug Program that began January 1, 2006 and provides Medicare beneficiaries with access to prescription drug coverage from a host of private plans.

Medicare Savings Programs - Medicaid coverage that pays all or part of the Medicare premiums, deductibles, and co-insurance for Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries, Specified Low income Medicare Beneficiaries and Qualifying Individuals.

Mental Retardation - Is a condition diagnosed by age 18 and characterized both by a significantly below-average score on a test of mental ability or intelligence and by limitations in the ability to function in areas of daily life such as communication, self-care, and getting along in social situations and school activities. Mental retardation is sometimes referred to as a cognitive or intellectual disability.

MHSAS - Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services is a division of the Department of Human Services.

MHSIP - Mental Health Statistical Improvement Project is the statistical and outcome measurement system for the Department's community based mental health system of care at the regional human service centers.

MMIS - Medicaid Management Information System is the computer system that processes all Medicaid claims. Developed in 1978, it is also used to monitor utilization and to provide information needed to manage the Medicaid program.

MSLA - Minimally Supervised Living Arrangement is a community waiver group home or community complex setting, which provides training in community integration, social, leisure, and daily living skills.

NCP - For child support purposes, the NonCustodial Parent is the parent who does not have primary care, custody, and control of the child(ren) or, if a court has made a custody determination, the parent who does not have legal custody of the child(ren).

Neglect - The failure of a caregiver to provide essential services necessary to maintain the physical and mental health of another person in the caregiver's care.

Neglected Child - Uses the definition in juvenile law for a "deprived child". A child who is without proper parental care, control, subsistence or education necessary for the child's physical, mental or emotional health or morals. A child who has been placed for care or adoption in violation of law. A child who has been abandoned. A child who is without proper care (as described above) because of the physical, mental, emotional, or other illness, or disability of the parent. A child who is in need of treatment and whose caregiver has refused to participate in treatment, which is court-ordered. A child who was subject to prenatal exposure to chronic and severe use of alcohol or any controlled substance. A child who is present in an environment subjecting the child to exposure to a controlled substance, chemical substance or drug paraphernalia.

New Hire Reporting - Under this reporting process mandated by federal and state law, employers must submit new hire information within 20 days of hiring to the State Directory of New Hires, a component of the Child Support Enforcement Division.

NF LOC Determination - Nursing Facility Level Of Care Determination is criteria to establish minimum medical necessity standards before an individual can receive Medicaid funded nursing facility services, home and community based services through the Medicaid Waiver for Home and Community Based Services.

Non-Medical Transportation - Transportation the enables individuals to access essential community services such as grocery, pharmacy, banking, post office, laundromat, utility company, social services, and social security office, in order to maintain themselves in their home. *Non-Medical Transportation Driver with Vehicle* refers to situations when the driver with the vehicle is considered as solely transporting the client to and from his/her home and points of destination. *Non-Medical Transportation Escort* is solely accompanying the client for the purpose of assisting in boarding and exiting, as well as during transport, in order that the client may complete the activity for which (non-medical) transportation is authorized.

North Dakota Health Tracks - Also known as Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT), this program provides preventive health care to Medicaid eligible individuals up to age 21. Services include physical exams and screenings, immunizations, and referrals.

No Services Required - A Child Protection Services (CPS) assessment decision, which reflects the belief that a child has not been abused or neglected.

No Services Required, Services Recommended - A CPS assessment decision that reflects the belief that a child has not been abused or neglected, but the family may be in need of preventative services.

NSDUH - National Survey on Drug Use and Health is a survey of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Office of Applied Studies.

Nurse Management - A service for ventilator-dependent individuals eligible for Medicaid Waiver services and receiving Attendant Care Service, where a licensed nurse provides nursing assessment, care planning, delegation of skilled nursing tasks to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel (UAPs) and monitoring of delegated tasks related to the client's medical needs.

Obligee - The person to whom a child support obligation is owed, generally the custodial parent (CP). It may also be an entity to which a child support obligation is owed.

Obligor - The person who is obliged to pay child support. See also noncustodial parent (NCP).

Older Americans Act (OAA) - The Older Americans Act of 1965 [Pub. L. 89-73; 79 Stat. 219; 42 U.S.C. § 3001 et seq.] provides federal funding for services to older persons, especially those who are low income, socially needy, frail, or minority persons. Among the services offered are nutrition services, support services, Long Term Care Ombudsman program, and information and referral.

Olmstead Decision - A 1999 U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Olmstead v. L.C. ex rel. Zimring*, 527 U.S. 581, 119 S.Ct. 2176 (1999), in which the Court held that it is a form of discrimination under the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) if a state fails to find community placements for institutionalized individuals if: 1) the state's treatment professionals have determined that community placement is appropriate, 2) the individual does not oppose the transfer to a community setting, and 3) the placement can be reasonably accommodated taking into account the resources available to the state and the needs of others with disabilities.

Outreach - Actions and communication initiated by an agency or organization for the purpose of identifying potential clients and encouraging their use of existing services and benefits.

PAC - Prevention Advisory Council was formed by the Governor's office and charged with oversight and monitoring of the substance abuse prevention activities across state agencies in North Dakota. The Department holds two of the eight council membership positions.

Parent Aides - Individuals who, through training and support, work with parents who are at risk of abusing or neglecting their children. County social service boards employ parent aides.

Part C - Is a section within the federal law of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) [Pub. L. 94-142; 84 Stat. 175; 20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq.] that entitles a child under

the age of three years and their family to certain supports, services, and rights, which in North Dakota are known as Early Intervention Services for Infants and Toddlers. Part C provides federal financial assistance to states to develop and implement a collaborative statewide system of services for these children and their families.

Partnerships Program - Integrated comprehensive services for children with serious emotional disorders.

PASRR - Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Revue is a federal requirement that every person who seeks admission to a nursing facility be screened by the state for evidence of mental retardation or mental illness. If either exists, the screening is intended to determine if nursing facility care is necessary, and if so, to determine if specialized services are needed.

PEPP - Parental Employment Pilot Project. Renamed "PRIDE" (Parental Responsibility Initiative for the Development of Employment) in late 2006. (See PRIDE definition below.)

PERM - Payment Error Rate Measurement is an examination of selected Medicaid and Healthy Steps (SCHIP) provider claims to determine if a service is required and the beneficiary is eligible. This federal requirement became effective October 1, 2005.

Personal Care Service - A service which provides assistance with bathing, dressing, toileting, continence, transferring, mobility in the home, eating, and personal hygiene, passive range of motion exercises and simple bandage changes. When specified within the plan of care, this service may also include supervision, cueing or prompting, housekeeping tasks such as bed making, dusting and vacuuming, which are incidental to the care furnished or which are essential to the health and welfare of the individual, rather than the individual's family.

Pharmacy Point of Sale - This is a computerized point of sale (POS) system that allows pharmacists to enter claims on a real time basis into the payment system. Within a matter of seconds, providers receive confirmation that the claim has been processed for payment or denied. If the claim is denied, providers receive immediate information regarding the reason for the denial. The system also prevents payment of duplicate claims, audits claims to ensure the health of Medicaid recipients is maintained by preventing inappropriate drug dispensing, reduces administrative costs and streamlines identification of recipient liability for pharmacy providers.

PRIDE - Parental Responsibility Initiative for the Development of Employment provides employment-related services to noncustodial parents who are behind in their child support obligations. It is administered through the Child Support Enforcement Division with TANF funding assistance. The goal is to help the parents obtain work in order to increase their incomes so that they can support their children. This may result in better family relationships and improved visitation. The Department has implemented it in Dickinson and Grand Forks. It was formerly referred to as PEPP (Parental Employment Pilot Project).

Prime Time Care - A prevention program designed to provide temporary child care to families at risk of neglecting or abusing their children.

Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) - (*Formerly called Residential Treatment Center or RTC*) A facility or a distinct part of a facility that provides children and adolescents with a 24-hour, therapeutic environment integrating group living, educational services, and a clinical program based upon a comprehensive, interdisciplinary clinical

assessment and an individualized treatment plan that meets the needs of the child and family.

QMB - Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries are persons for whom Medicaid pays the Medicare premiums, deductibles, and co-insurance. Income cannot exceed 100% of the poverty level. See Medicare Savings Programs.

QI - Qualifying Individuals are individuals for whom Medicaid pays their Medicare Part B premium. Income must be between 120% and 135% of poverty level. They cannot be covered by other Medicaid to receive benefits. See Medicare Savings Programs.

Qualified Service Provider (QSP) - An agency or independent contractor that agrees to meet standards for services and operations established by the Department of Human Services to provide home and community based long term services.

RCCF - Residential Child Care Facility (foster care facility)

RCSEU - There are eight Regional Child Support Enforcement Units in North Dakota. These county-administered offices provide child support enforcement services pursuant to cooperative agreements with the Department of Human Services.

Recipient Liability - This is the amount an individual who is eligible for Medicaid under the "Medically Needy" coverage group is expected to contribute toward his or her monthly medical expenses.

Refugee Cash Assistance - A benefit program available for the first eight months refugees are in the United States.

Rehabilitation Consulting and Services (RCS) - Associated with vocational rehabilitation (VR) services, these services are designed to assist business owners and employers in developing short and long term strategies regarding disability-related issues including staffing, education, tapping into financial incentives associated with hiring an individual who has a permanent injury, illness, or impairment; or ensuring accessibility to goods or services.

Rehabilitation Services - Medical, psychological, social, and vocational services, including physical items, which are necessary to assist persons with disabilities to engage in gainful activity.

Report of Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect - Information received by child protection services concerning the suspected maltreatment of a child.

Residential Care - Services provided in a facility in which at least five (5) unrelated adults reside, and in which personal care, therapeutic, social, and recreational programming are provided in conjunction with shelter. This service includes 24-hour on-site response staff to meet scheduled and unpredictable needs and to provide supervision, safety, and security.

Respite Care - Temporary relief to a primary caregiver for a specified period of time. The caregiver is relieved of the stress and demands associated with continuous daily care.

Right Track - This Developmental Disabilities program works to identify infants or toddlers who may be at-risk for developmental delays. The program provides developmental screenings in environments natural and familiar to the child, refers families to appropriate supports and shares child development information with families. For purposes of this

program, at-risk infants and toddlers are defined as children younger than three years of age who have environmental or biological risk factors for developmental delays or parental concern regarding development.

RIS - Regional Intervention Services provide community based intervention for individuals with serious mental health and/or substance abuse needs to determine appropriate level of care. RIS units at the department's human service centers conduct the admission screening for State Hospital admissions.

ROAP - The Regional Office Automation Project is a technology system that provides a comprehensive and integrated electronic medical records system to manage and support the business functions and requirements of the department's eight regional Human Service Centers and the Central Office.

RTC - Term is no longer used. See *Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF)* entry.

Safety, Strengths, Risk Assessment - Refers to State Form Number (SFN 455) that is used to document the Child Protection Services (CPS) assessment.

SAMHSA - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Aministration is an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) that focuses on programs and providing funding to improve the lives of people with or at risk for mental and substance abuse disorders.

SAPT - Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment block grant

SCHIP - State Children's Health Insurance Program, which is called Healthy Steps in North Dakota. (See *Healthy Steps* definition.)

SDU - The State Disbursement Unit is the unit within the department's Child Support Enforcement Division that receives, records, and distributes all child support payments in North Dakota.

SED - Serious EmotionaIl Disorder (or Disturbance)

Services Required - A Child Protection Services (CPS) assessment decision, which reflects the belief that a child has been abused or neglected and requires contact with the juvenile court.

SFY - State Fiscal Year is the period of time in the state budget cycle from July 1 to June 30.

Single Plan of Care (SPOC) - The Single Plan of Care is the computerized treatment/service plan that supports the Wraparound Process in the provision of mental health services to children.

SLA - Supported Living Arrangement is a residential service that provides support to people living in their own homes or apartments. Supportive services include help with budgeting, shopping, laundry, etc. and are provided on an intermittent basis, generally less than 20 hours per month. There is a fixed staff to client ratio. People receiving this service generally need less support than people receiving services through an Individualized Supported Living Arrangement.

SLMB - Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries are persons for whom Medicaid pays the Medicare Part B premium. Income must be between 100% and 120% of poverty level. See Medicare Savings Programs.

SMI - Seriously Mentally Ill

Special Needs Adoption - The classification of adoption for children who have a physical, emotional, and/or psychological disability (or are at risk for such a disability), are older than age seven, part of a sibling group, or are children whose race/ethnicity is a barrier to placement.

Specialized Equipment and Supplies - Includes devices, controls, or appliances specified in the plan of care, which enable recipients to increase their abilities to perform activities of daily living, or to perceive, control, or communicate with the environment in which they live.

Specialized Placement - Refers to a residence for people who are diagnosed as both mentally retarded and mentally ill and whose individualized programs address residential, psychosocial and psychiatric development prior to entry into less restrictive settings.

SPED - Service Payments for Elderly and Disabled is authorized by state law to provide a number of in home and community based services to functionally impaired older individuals and people with physical disabilities who require assistance to continue to live in a home-like setting.

SSA - Social Security Administration

SSDI - Social Security Disability Insurance

SSI - Supplemental Security Income

State Child Protection Team - A multidisciplinary team of staff members from public and private agencies (determined by law) that makes the determination whether child abuse or neglect is indicated in cases of suspected institutional child abuse or neglect.

State Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) - Is a council appointed by the Governor. Federal law under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires the ICC to advise and assist the designated lead agency (N.D. Department of Human Services) in the performance of responsibilities set forth under Part C regarding early intervention services and to advise the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) regarding the transition of toddlers with disabilities to preschool and other appropriate services. The council is comprised of parents of infants and toddlers with disabilities and representatives of providers of early intervention services, the state legislature, the Department of Human Services, preschools, the State Insurance Department, Head Start, child care providers, and other members at large.

Subject - In child welfare terminology, the person who is suspected of abuse or neglect of a child or the person who has abused or neglected a child.

Supported Employment - Competitive work, in an integrated work environment, with ongoing support services for individuals with the most severe disabilities.

TANF - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families is a federal block grant program established under Title IV-A of the Social Security Act. It serves many needs, such as

meeting some of the costs of Foster Care and Child Care Assistance programs. TANF also provides temporary cash assistance to needy families primarily to facilitate the return to or preparation for work.

TBI - Traumatic Brain Injury

TCC - Transitional Child Care provides partial payment of child care to families who lose TANF assistance eligibility.

TCLF - Transitional Community Living Facility is a community waiver group home that provides training for individuals in community integration, social, leisure, and daily living skills in a group living environment. It is preliminary to entry into a lesser restrictive setting.

TECS - Technical Eligibility Computer System is the computer system currently used by county social service boards to manage Food Stamps and some Medicaid cases.

TPL - Third Party Liability describes potential resources that may be available to offset claims against the Medicaid program. They include health insurance, accident insurance, court settlements, and decrees stemming from accidents of various kinds.

Transitional Living Service - Services that train people to live with greater independence in their own homes. This includes training, supervision, or assistance to the individual with self-care, communication skills, socialization, sensory/motor development, reduction/elimination of maladaptive behavior, community living, and mobility.

Transition Services - Services provided to assist students with disabilities as they move from school to adult services and/or employment.

Transitional Medicaid Benefits - Provides up to 12 months of Medicaid coverage for families who lose eligibility under the Family Coverage group due to earnings.

Tribal NEW - Tribal Native Employment Works program is the tribal equivalent of the Job Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS) program. The job placement and education program is available to American Indian TANF recipients.

Tribal TANF - Tribal governments have the option of direct administration of TANF programs. As of January 2007, no Tribe in North Dakota has yet exercised this option.

Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA) - is a model Act, enacted at the state level, to provide mechanisms for establishing and enforcing child support obligations in interstate cases (cases in which a noncustodial parent lives in a different state than the custodial parent and child).

UPA - Either the Uniform Parentage Act or Unreimbursed Public Assistance. The **Uniform Parentage Act** refers to laws, based on model legislation, drafted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL), enacted at the state level to provide mechanisms for establishing paternity. **Unreimbursed Public Assistance** refers to money paid in the form of public assistance (for example, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) expenditures), which has not been recovered by retaining assigned child support.

VIPR - The Very Intelligent Payment Recognition system is a computerized check processing system used by the Child Support Enforcement Division to process child support

payments quickly and accurately. It interfaces with the Fully Automated Child Support Enforcement System (FACSES) computer system.

Vision - The computer system currently used by county social services to administer Temporary Assistance for Need Families (TANF) benefits and some Medicaid cases.

Vocational Development - A program of vocational preparation prior to competitive or extended employment.

VR - Vocational Rehabilitation provides training and employment services to individuals with disabilities so they can become and/or remain employed. For information about a related service provided by department VR professionals for businesses, see *Rehabilitation Consulting and Services*.

Vulnerable Adult Protective Services - Refers to remedial social, legal, health, mental health, and referral services provided for prevention, correction, or discontinuation of abuse or neglect which are necessary and appropriate under the circumstances to protect an abused or neglected vulnerable adult, and ensures that the least restrictive alternatives provided, prevent further abuse or neglect, and promotes self care and independent living. (Reference: North Dakota Century Code Chapter 50-25)

Wraparound - This is a strength-based philosophy of care that includes a definable process involving the child and family that results in a unique set of community services and supports individualized for that child and family. Wraparound is a process. It is not a program. It does not create new programs or services, but is the method of meeting the needs of families through the coordination and identification of natural supports and formal supports, which constitute the Child and Family Team. This process is team driven, focuses on least restrictive methods of care, and uses the family's strengths, preferences, and choices whenever possible. It is a continuum of intensity, which is driven by family needs, complexity, and level of risk.

YRBS - Youth Risk Behavioral Survey is conducted by the North Dakota Department of Health and the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction and monitors health-risk behaviors among youth and young adults including behaviors that contribute to injuries, tobacco use, alcohol and other drug use, sexual behaviors, dietary behaviors, and physical activity.

Testimony
Senate Bill 2130 – Department of Human Services
House Human Services Committee
Representative Price, Chairman
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Chairman Price and members of the House Human Services Committee, my name is Paul Ronningen, Director, Children and Family Services with the Department of Human Services. I am here today to present testimony regarding Senate Bill 2130. The Department supports the passage of this bill.

Senate Bill 2130 is primarily a housekeeping bill that addresses the changes in our Medicaid Program. As of July 1st, 2006 Medicaid could no longer make payments to Residential Treatment Centers (RTCs), but could only make payments to Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs). This designation by Medicaid required that each of the six providers obtain accreditation. Once accredited, Medicaid became the sole source of funding for these facilities. Five of the facilities were accredited by July 1, 2006 and the sixth facility was accredited in December 2006.

Some of the housekeeping changes include:

- a) Changing "residential treatment center" to "psychiatric residential treatment facility".
- b) Adding a definition of "child or children" that is consistent with Medicaid policy and thus dropping the word adolescent.
- c) Adding that the facility must meet the requirements set out in title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, part 483-354 which defines the requirements of a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility.

- d) Clarifies that the facility develops an individualized post-discharge plan and coordinates this plan with the child's parents, school and community.

Finally, the expiration date on the moratorium section in this bill (75-03.2-03.1) has been over struck to avoid a potential conflict between this bill and the moratorium bill SB 2066. The Department is requesting that the moratorium continue in SB 2066 and thus the continuation of the moratorium will be addressed during those hearings.

This concludes my testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions.