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John Hoeven, Governor Carol K. Olson, Executive Director

January 6, 2010

Mr. John Walstad, Code Revisor North Dakota Legislative Council State Capitol Bismarck, ND 58505

RE:

Proposed Amendments to N.D. Admin. Code Section 75-02-06-16

Rate Determinations in Ratesetting for Nursing Home Care

Dear Mr. Walstad:

Enclosed for filing in the office of the Legislative Council is the Notice of Intent to Amend Administrative Rules concerning the above proposed rules as required by N.D.C.C. section 28-32-10. Also enclosed is a copy of the proposed rules.

We have requested publication of an abbreviated newspaper publication notice once in each official county newspaper which will notify the public that an oral hearing on these rules will be held on February 11, 2010, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and continuing until 11:30 a.m. or until no further testimony is offered, whichever occurs first.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 328-2311. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Julie Leer

Legal Advisory Unit

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LeeAnn Thiel, Medical Services

Enclosures



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## NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D.A.C. SECTION 75-02-06-16 RATE DETERMINATIONS IN RATESETTING FOR NURSING HOME CARE

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Human Services will hold a public hearing to address proposed amendments to N.D. Admin. Code section 75-02-06-16 at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 11, 2010, in Bismarck, N.D. in the AV Room – 212, located on the second floor of the Judicial Wing of the State Capitol.

The proposed amendment to N.D. Admin. Code section 75-02-06-16, Rate Determinations in Ratesetting for Nursing Home Care, is necessary to allow for an exception to the 90% occupancy limitation for certain units. The proposed amendment is anticipated to have an impact on the regulated community in excess of \$50,000.

**Section 75-02-06-16,** is amended to create an exception to the 90% occupancy limitation on those facilities in which the Department must approve admissions to the units that were created to fill a specific need for services.

Copies of the proposed rules are available for review at county social services offices and at human service centers. Copies of the proposed rules and the regulatory analysis relating to these rules may be requested by telephoning (701) 328-2311. Written or oral data, views, or arguments may be entered at the hearing or sent to: Rules Administrator, North Dakota Department of Human Services, State Capitol - Judicial Wing, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 325, Bismarck, ND 58505-0250. Written data, views, or arguments on the proposed rules must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 2010.

ATTENTION PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If you plan to attend the hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department of Human Services at the above telephone number or address at least two weeks prior to the hearing.

Dated this 5th day of January, 2010.



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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Department of Human Services is proposing amendments to N.D. Admin. Code section 75-02-06-16, Rate Determinations in Ratesetting for Nursing Home Care. The department has adopted procedures to assure public input into the formulation of such rules prior to adoption.

In conformity with those procedures, we are providing you with a copy of the proposed rules and are requesting that you provide any written data, views, or arguments no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 22, 2010.

The department has scheduled an oral hearing on February 11, 2010. Further information concerning the public hearing is included in the attached notice of proposed rulemaking and public hearing.

Your participation is welcomed, as are your suggestions. Please send all written data, views, or arguments to: Rules Administrator, Department of Human Services, State Capitol - Judicial Wing, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505-0250.

Sincerely.

Carol K. Olson.

**Executive Director** 

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Attachments

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