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Application for Block Grant Funds Will Be Available for Public Comment

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health has completed the state's application for Federal Title V Block Grant Funds for the federal fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 2010, and ending Sept. 30, 2011. The application will be available for public comment July 7, 2010.

The application includes a description of the state's plan to provide:

- Preventive and primary care services for pregnant women, mothers and infants to age 1.
- Preventive and primary care services for children and adolescents.
- Family-centered, community-based, coordinated care and development of community-based systems of services for children with special health-care needs and their families.

Prior to the application's development, a statewide needs assessment designed to identify service gaps and barriers and to determine important needs in North Dakota's maternal and child population was conducted. The following 10 goals were identified through this process:

- Form and strengthen partnerships with families, American Indians and underrepresented populations.
- Form and strengthen a comprehensive system of age-appropriate screening, assessment and treatment for the maternal and child health (MCH) population.
- Support quality health care through medical homes.
- Increase participation in and utilization of family support services and parent education programs.
- Increase access to available, appropriate and quality health care for the MCH population.
- Promote optimal mental health and social-emotional development of the MCH population.
- Increase the number of child-care health consultants and school nurses who provide nursing health services to licensed child-care providers and schools.

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- Reduce violent behavior committed by or against children, youth and women.
- Reduce the rate of deaths resulting from intentional and unintentional injuries among children and adolescents.
- Promote healthy eating and physical activity within the MCH population.

In addition to these 10 state priorities, the Title V staff also monitors North Dakota's progress on 18 federal performance measures.

A copy of the Title V application will be available for public comment July 7, 2010. To receive a copy of the application, interested people may contact either of the following:

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