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Oct. 7 Sages Forum Takes the Mystery Out of Medical Assistance and Medicare

ST. PAUL – People with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families can get important information about government healthcare programs at **Taking the Mystery Out of Medical Assistance and Medicare**. This forum from Sages will be on Friday, Oct. 7, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Christ the King Church, Fellowship Hall, 8600 Fremont Ave. S., Bloomington.

The forum will explain the difference between Medical Assistance (MA) and Medicare, outline eligibility guidelines for the two programs and identify the services each one covers. Representatives from the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging will also answer participants' questions about MA and Medicare.

The registration deadline for the forum is Tuesday, Oct. 4. To register, contact Gina Carpenter at The Learning Exchange at gcarpenter@bloomington.k12.mn.us or call (952) 681-6122. There will be a charge of \$15 per person at the door. Please make checks payable to ISD #271.

Sages is a collaboration of community organizations offering education for parents and caregivers of people with disabilities. The organizations of Sages are The Arc Greater Twin Cities, Dakota Communities, Fraser, The Learning Exchange, Opportunity Partners and ProAct.

The Arc Greater Twin Cities fosters respect and access for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families, giving them the power to achieve a full and satisfying life. The Arc was started 65 years ago by parents determined to ensure the most full and independent lives possible for their children. Today, The Arc continues to be a family-focused, grassroots organization helping individuals and families address issues such as early intervention, education, transition to adulthood, health care, housing, employment, guardianship and more. For more information and volunteer opportunities, call The Arc Greater Twin Cities at (952) 920-0855 or visit www.arcgreatertwincities.org.

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