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Special Needs BasicCare Expansion Info Session **On Dec. 13 Explains Health Care Changes**

ST. PAUL – Due to the popularity of its first **Special Needs BasicCare Expansion Info Session**, The Arc Greater Twin Cities will offer a second session in partnership with the Minnesota Consortium of Citizens with Disabilities on Tuesday, Dec. 13, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Plymouth Congregational Church, Jackman Room, 1900 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis.

The 2011 Health and Human Services Omnibus Bill requires people with disabilities who have Medical Assistance to be automatically enrolled in a managed care plan unless they take specific action to opt out. Individuals with disabilities have begun receiving letters notifying them whether this change will affect them. Enrollment will take place over six months.

The **Special Needs BasicCare Expansion Info Session** will present information about available options so participants can make an informed decision. The Minnesota Department of Human Services will explain the legislative change and its implications. The Disability Linkage Line will discuss assistance they can provide to help individuals determine their best option. Representatives from the three managed care providers in the metropolitan area will outline their programs. They are Medica, UCARE and Metropolitan Health Plan.

Space is limited. To RSVP, email denafelper@arcgreatertwincities.org or call The Arc Greater Twin Cities at (952) 920-0855 no later than Dec. 9. The Disability Linkage Line at (651) 646-8342 can also answer questions as people receive enrollment materials.

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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