

**Please return this form by
February 28, 2012 to:**

Courage Center
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Communicate at the Capitol



**with Courage Center
and AXIS Healthcare**

March 6, 2012

**Talk to your legislators about
issues that matter to you**



Commitment to Community

For more than 80 years, Courage Center has focused on advocacy and partnerships that promote quality of life, independence and community integration for people with disabilities and their families. One such unique partnership is with AXIS Healthcare, which provides high quality care coordination to more than 1,000 Minnesotans.

Preserving Independence

Despite a budget surplus in the November forecast, the long term reality of continued budget deficits means cuts to programs and services are still a threat. Preserving programs and services that enhance successful community living is critically important.

Measuring Success

Measuring the value of non-medical support services that people require to maintain their active participation in the community must be done. What's working? What isn't? Promoting a value-based approach to long-term care services, and increased flexibility as to how they are purchased, is necessary.

Care Coordination

AXIS puts the person with a disability at the center of everything, working with providers, counties and the state to ensure "person first" health care. How can we help control state Medicaid costs, deliver better care and get more people with disabilities assistance in coordinating multiple and complex health needs?

Transportation

For people with disabilities, the lack of accessible transit is not just about cars, buses and trains. Accessible transport impacts employment, education and health care. We need to promote access and quality transportation to eliminate one of the greatest barriers to independence and employment for people with disabilities.

Agenda

The Kelly Inn

10 - 10:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
10:30 a.m. - Noon Program with guest speakers and Q & A sessions

Noon - 1 p.m. Lunch

Capitol/State Office Building

1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Meetings with your legislators

Volunteers will be on hand to assist with safe passage to your legislative appointments. (If you need transportation from the Kelly Inn to the Capitol, please indicate this when you register.)

We Will

- Set up your appointments with your legislators
- Provide tips and training on how to meet with your legislators
- Provide lunch
- Guide you across to the Capitol for your meetings

You Will

- Register at: www.couragecenter.org/communicateatthecapitol by February 28 or fill in and return the form on the back.
- Arrange your own Metro Mobility rides to and from the event (to arrive at the Kelly Inn and leave from the State Capitol.)

If you have any questions you can reach us at:

Tel Courage Center: 763.520.0439

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Metro Mobility Information

Riders should arrive by 10 a.m. at:

Kelly Inn
161 St. Anthony Ave.
St Paul, MN 55103

Schedule to leave from:

Minnesota State Capitol
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St Paul, MN 55101

