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The University of Massachusetts Medical School's Center for Health Policy and Research is conducting a study to understand the types of health care services people with disabilities need in order to work or return to work. We are looking for volunteers to participate in a focus group, which is a group discussion that lasts about 2 hours. If you participate in a focus group, you will be paid \$50 for your time. Refreshments will be provided. Two focus groups are scheduled for:

Worcester: Tuesday, January 15, 2013, 5-7PM

Boston: Wednesday, January 30, 2013, 5-7PM

Other groups will be held in Fall River, Greenfield, and Lowell in early 2013.

To volunteer, you must:

Be a person with a physical disability, mental or emotional problem, a sensory impairment (such as blindness or deafness), or a long-term or chronic disease

Be currently receiving employer-sponsored or private health insurance or Medicare (in addition to other insurance, you may also be receiving Medicaid or MassHealth)

Be currently employed either full-time or part-time, or actively looking for a job

Speak English or use American Sign Language

Be working age, between 21-64 years of age

Live in the community

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Laura Sefton by calling (508) 856-4213 or emailing Laura.Sefton@umassmed.edu by January 11th. Please leave your name, e-mail address and/or phone number so that we may contact you. Thank you!

Your participation is entirely voluntary. Nothing will happen to any services you receive if you decide not to participate. Your identity will be kept strictly confidential and your name will not be connected with anything you say in the focus group. Only a summary report of the issues discussed during the focus group will be shared in our final report.

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