

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1433

Introduced by

Representatives Price, Svedjan, Weisz

Senators Fischer, Holmberg, J. Lee

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to diabetes treatment management services for state employees and
3 their families; to amend and reenact section 54-52.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code,
4 relating to the public employees retirement system uniform group insurance program; and to
5 provide an appropriation.

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-52.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
8 amended and reenacted as follows:

9 **54-52.1-04. Board to contract for insurance.** The board shall receive bids for the
10 providing of hospital benefits coverage, medical benefits coverage, life insurance benefits
11 coverage for a specified term, collaborative drug therapy program services, and employee
12 assistance program services, and shall accept the bid of and contract with the carrier that in the
13 judgment of the board best serves the interests of the state and its eligible employees.
14 Solicitations must be made not later than ninety days before the expiration of an existing
15 uniform group insurance contract. Bids must be solicited by advertisement in a manner
16 selected by the board that will provide reasonable notice to prospective bidders. In preparing
17 bid proposals and evaluating bids, the board may utilize the services of consultants on a
18 contract basis in order that the bids received may be uniformly compared and properly
19 evaluated. In determining which bid, if any, will best serve the interests of eligible employees
20 and the state, the board shall give adequate consideration to the following factors:

- 21 1. The economy to be effected.
- 22 2. The ease of administration.
- 23 3. The adequacy of the coverages.
- 24 4. The financial position of the carrier, with special emphasis as to its solvency.

- 1 5. The reputation of the carrier and any other information that is available tending to
2 show past experience with the carrier in matters of claim settlement, underwriting,
3 and services.

4 The board may reject any or all bids and, in the event it does so, shall again solicit bids as
5 provided in this section. The board may establish a plan of self-insurance for providing health
6 insurance benefits coverage only under an administrative services only (ASO) contract or a
7 third-party administrator (TPA) contract.

8 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
9 created and enacted as follows:

10 **Uniform group insurance program - Collaborative drug therapy program.**

- 11 1. The board shall establish a collaborative drug therapy program that is to be
12 available to individuals in the medical and hospital benefits coverage group. The
13 board shall receive bids for this program under section 54-52.1-04. The purpose of
14 the collaborative drug therapy program is to improve the health of individuals with
15 diabetes and to manage health care expenditures.
- 16 2. The board shall involve physicians and pharmacists to coordinate health care for
17 covered individuals with diabetes in order to improve health outcomes and reduce
18 spending on diabetes care. Under the program, pharmacists may be reimbursed
19 for providing collaborative drug therapy services to covered individuals with
20 diabetes. To encourage enrollment in the plan, the board shall provide incentives
21 to covered individuals who have diabetes which may include waived or reduced
22 copayment for diabetes treatment drugs and supplies.
- 23 3. The North Dakota pharmacists association shall work with the board to provide
24 annual outcome updates on the plan. The North Dakota pharmacists association
25 shall provide a standardized patient self-management program to facilitate
26 enrollment procedures, standards of evidence-based diabetes care, provide
27 consistent documentation of clinical and economic outcomes, and provide an
28 outcomes reporting system.

29 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
30 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$300,000, or so much
31 of the sum as may be necessary, to the public employees retirement system board for the

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- 1 purpose of implementing the collaborative drug therapy program as provided in section 2 of this
- 2 Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009.