

Testimony
House Bill 1032 - Department of Human Services
House Human Services Committee
Representative Robin Weisz, Chairman

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Chairman Weisz and members of the Human Services Committee, I am Brendan Joyce, Administrator, Pharmacy Services for the Department of Human Services (Department). I appear today to provide testimony on House Bill 1032.

The Department is opposed to House Bill 1032 as it is currently written simply due to the concern that the definitions of “health insurer” and “pharmacy benefits manager” could be interpreted to include North Dakota Medicaid and the programs we process through our systems (e.g. traditional, expansion, children’s health insurance program, AIDS drug assistance program, special health services, and county jails).

As the House Human Services Committee knows, the Department provides detailed reporting to the legislature during sessions and during the interim to multiple committees. The Department feels it would be burdensome to provide the reporting specified in House Bill 1032. The Department will continue to provide detailed reporting as required by federal requirements and to the legislature as it has done so in the past.

The Department would ask that clarification is added to the definitions to make it such that the Department, and the current programs administered by the Department (some of which are for Department of Health programs) are not included in the requirements of House Bill 1032.

This concludes my testimony, and I am happy to answer any questions you may have.