

Section 24:

Line 8: Two members of the department of health and human services one being, the state medical officer and other appointed by the department of health and human services

There is appropriated out of any moneys in the community health trust fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum **up to \$750,000**, or so much of the sum as may be necessary for the purpose of creating, hiring outside experts and facilitating the North Dakota legislative health care task force. **Philanthropic funds from non-task force membership may also be used to fund the study.** The purpose of the task force is to understand and create transparency around health care costs and the drivers of cost growth with the goal of lessening the impact of rising health care costs to citizens, businesses, and government. The task force shall take a wholistic view to include the **full payor mix, including the uninsured and charity care.** The task force will collect and analyze health care spending data to create meaningful actions to slow spending growth and improve health care access and quality. The task force shall meet at least once each quarter and may request, obtain, review, and analyze information relating to North Dakota health care, including data, reports, audits, and other information as requested by the task force. The task force shall submit a report of its activities and any recommendations to improve health care in the state to the legislative management by October first of each year. The chairman of the task force must be a member of the legislative assembly as selected by the task force.