

House Human Services Committee
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Chairman Weisz and Committee Members, I am Courtney Koebele, the chair of the Codes and Services Subcommittee for the North Dakota Medicaid Medical Advisory Committee (MMAC).

Federal regulations established a committee to advise the state's Medicaid agency and its Medicaid director on health and medical care services. This committee is called the Medicaid Medical Advisory Committee (MMAC).

As in last session, this year, North Dakota's MMAC created a Codes and Services Review sub-committee to offer recommendations to Medicaid for additional coverage for applications for coverage of five different codes and services. That committee consisted of seven members from the MMAC. The MMAC codes and services sub-committee met four times over the course of the summer to review the codes submitted. The committee received expert presentations on all the issues and reviewed the detailed applications and attachments explaining the need for the services. The committee scored each service on seven factors: cost, number of patients impacted, whether it was covered by private insurance, proven efficacy, essential for health and well-being; whether it was a noncovered essential component of a service that is covered by Medicaid; and finally, whether the service is covered by other insurance or organizations.

The committee recommended all proposals be covered; however, they are listed here in rank order:

1. Family Adaptive Behavior Treatment;
1. Dental Screening and Assessment (Tied for First);
2. Dental Case Management
3. Asynchronous Teledentistry and
4. Applied Behavior Analysis Across the Lifespan and for Individuals with a Variety of Diagnoses

I have a letter attached to my testimony that addresses the details of each of the services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. I would be happy to answer any questions.