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Dear Chair Lee and Senate Human Services Committee:

I am writing in support of HB 1095; relating to the inclusion of comprehensive medication management services for the patients of the State of North Dakota.

The patients of North Dakota do not have access to the pharmacy services our pharmacists are eager to provide. This lack of access has a negative impact on the health outcomes our patients could achieve.

In the rural and urban areas across the state of North Dakota, Essentia Health achieves a high quality of care as the only Accountable Care Organization (ACO) across the state. Putting a pharmacist into the care mix is critical to our care model across our organization, and is currently being done. HB1095 for North Dakota will provide the access to the comprehensive medication management services our patients need in North Dakota.

Please let me know if you have additional questions. Thank you for your service to NoDak!

Respectfully,

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