



HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE

Monday, August 18, 2025
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 10:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Comments by the Chairman
- 10:05 a.m. Review of the [Supplementary Rules of Operation and Procedure of the North Dakota Legislative Management](#)
- PRESCRIPTION DRUG TRANSPARENCY REPORTING STUDY**
- 10:10 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [background memorandum](#) regarding the study of prescription drug transparency reporting under the federal drug discount program
- 10:15 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Jon Godfread, Insurance Commissioner, regarding prescription drug transparency reporting under the federal drug discount program
- 10:35 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Brendan Joyce, Pharmacy and Clinical Services Director, Medical Services Division, Department of Health and Human Services, regarding the relationship between Medicaid and the federal drug discount program
- 10:55 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of Essentia Health regarding the federal drug discount program reporting requirements and access to comprehensive care
- 11:15 a.m. Presentation by Dr. Alyssa Wolden, Director of Pharmacy, Sakakawea Medical Center and Coal Country Community Health Center, and Dr. Aaron Garmen, Medical Director, Coal Country Community Health Center, regarding the relationship between the federal drug discount program and federally qualified health care centers
- 11:35 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Community Health Care Association of the Dakotas, regarding federally qualified health care centers and the federal drug discount program
- 11:55 a.m. Recess
- 12:45 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Bharath Krishnamurthy, Director, Health Policy & Analytics, American Hospital Association, regarding an overview of prescription drug transparency reporting under the federal drug discount program
- 1:15 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Dr. Mark Hardy, Executive Director, North Dakota Board of Pharmacy, regarding the relationship between the federal drug discount program and the Board of Pharmacy
- 1:35 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Dr. Erik Christenson, Chief Executive Officer, Heart of America Medical Center, regarding data from rural hospitals and pharmacies with contracts with covered entities
- 1:55 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Dr. Gretchen Schilling, Pharmacy Director, Sanford Health Plan, regarding the relationship between the federal drug discount program and health insurers

- 2:15 p.m. Break
- 2:30 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Jessica Lynch, Director of State Policy, PhRMA, regarding the relationship between the federal drug discount program and pharmaceutical manufacturers
- 2:50 p.m. Presentation by Mike Schwab, Executive Vice President, North Dakota Pharmacists Association, regarding the relationship between the federal drug discount program and pharmacies
- 3:10 p.m. Comments by interested persons
- 3:30 p.m. Committee discussion and directives
- 3:50 p.m. Break

REPORTS

- 4:10 p.m. Presentation by Ms. Pam Sagness, Executive Director, Behavioral Health Division, and Mr. Dirk Wilkie, Executive Director, Public Health Division, Department of Health and Human Services, regarding a report summarizing the number of deaths that occurred in the state caused by or related to fentanyl consumption
- 4:45 p.m. Committee discussion
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn

A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <https://video.ndlegis.gov>.

Committee Members

Representatives: Carrie McLeod (Chairman), Karen Grindberg, Karen Karls, Lisa Meier, Jon O. Nelson, Mitch Ostlie, Karen M. Rohr, Mary Schneider

Senators: Judy Lee, Tim Mathern, Kristin Roers, Desiree van Oosting

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