



HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 15, 2026
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the February 12, 2026, meeting](#)

REPORTS

- 9:05 a.m. Presentation by Dr. Thomas F. Arnold, Chairman, Maternal Mortality Review Committee, regarding a report on the identification of patterns, trends, and policy issues related to maternal mortality
- 9:35 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Matt Clark, State Fire Marshal, Insurance Department, of a report on the State Fire Marshal's findings and recommendations for legislation to improve the effectiveness of the law on reduced ignition propensity standards for cigarettes pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 18-13-02(6)
- 10:05 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Christine Greff, Stroke and Cardiac Systems Coordinator, Emergency Medical Systems Unit, Department of Health and Human Services, of a report on the progress made toward recommendations provided in Section 23-43-04 regarding emergency medical services operations
- 10:35 a.m. Break

ELECTRONIC PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS STUDY

- 10:45 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Taha Khan, Associate Director, Health Economics and Outcomes Research, Vertex Pharmaceuticals, regarding patient access to non-opioid pain management therapies, including issues related to prior authorization requirements and mandates
- 11:30 a.m. Comments by interested persons
- 11:45 a.m. Committee discussion
- 12:00 noon Recess

UNMET DENTAL AND ORAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS STUDY

- 12:45 p.m. Presentation by Ms. Kim Kuhlmann, External Affairs Manager, Community HealthCare Association of the Dakotas, regarding recommendations related to the study of unmet dental and oral health care needs
- 1:45 p.m. Comments by interested persons
- 2:00 p.m. Committee discussion
- 2:15 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

Staff Contact: Beth Dittus, Assistant Legal Division Director