



HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 9, 2026
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the May 27, 2026, meeting](#)

9:05 a.m. Comments by the Chairman

STUDY OF HOMELESSNESS IN NORTH DAKOTA

9:10 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency regarding an update on the Interagency Council on Homelessness

9:30 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota Continuum of Care regarding updates on federal funding impacts on the Continuum of Care Program

9:45 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the study of homelessness in North Dakota

9:55 a.m. Committee discussion regarding the study

STUDY OF ACCESSIBILITY OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DEAF, HARD OF HEARING, HAVE HEARING DIFFERENCES, OR ARE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

10:00 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota School for the Deaf regarding the effects of language deprivation on child development

10:15 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the study of accessibility of government services for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, have hearing differences, or are visually impaired

10:20 a.m. Committee discussion regarding the study

CHILD CARE PROVIDER LICENSING LAWS AND POLICIES

10:25 a.m. Committee discussion regarding potential changes to child care provider licensing laws and policies

10:40 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding child care provider licensing laws and policies

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL'S PROGRAM EVALUATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES' CHILD CARE SERVICES

10:45 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of the child care program evaluation final report

11:15 a.m. Comments by a representative of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) regarding the child care program evaluation final report

11:25 a.m. Committee discussion regarding the child care program evaluation final report

- 11:35 a.m. Presentation by representatives of DHHS regarding the wait list for the Child Care Assistance Program, including the total number of applicants on the wait list, the number of families below 30 percent of the state median income or homeless that are on the wait list, and the plan to reduce the number of applicants on the wait list
- 11:50 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding child care services
- 12:00 noon Recess

REPORTS

- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of DHHS regarding a plan to establish long-term structured residences pursuant to Section 36 of House Bill 1012 (2025)
- 1:15 p.m. Presentation by a representative of DHHS on the department's findings and recommendations regarding its study of accreditation requirements and provider costs for serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities pursuant to Section 49 of House Bill 1012
- 1:30 p.m. Presentation by a representative of DHHS regarding the progress on the basic care study recommendations addressing the adult residential facility and basic care payment systems and the review of the asset limit for home- and community-based services aged and disabled waiver pursuant to Section 3 of Senate Bill 2271 (2025)
- 1:45 p.m. Presentation by a representative of DHHS regarding the development of a payment model continuum for basic care, assisted living, and adult residential facilities pursuant to Section 4 of Senate Bill 2271
- 2:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of DHHS regarding provider reimbursement rates under the Medical Assistance Expansion Program pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 50-24.1-37
- 2:15 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Governor's office regarding the activities and findings of the Children's Cabinet and other designated working groups on children and family issues pursuant to Section 54-07-13
- 2:30 p.m. Committee discussion
- 3:00 p.m. Adjourn

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

Committee Members

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