

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

Tuesday, April 30, 2002
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of minutes of the previous meeting
- MANDATED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE STUDY**
- 9:05 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum regarding the provisions of House Bill No. 1407 relating to the review and analysis of new legislative measures mandating health insurance coverage
- 9:20 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Insurance Department regarding the role of the Insurance Department in the review and analysis of new legislative measures mandating health insurance coverage
- 9:40 a.m. Presentation by a representative of Milliman USA, Consultants and Actuaries, Minneapolis, Minnesota, regarding analysis of new legislative measures mandating health insurance coverage, including:
- Items considered in completing an analysis
 - Examples of similar analyses completed by Milliman USA for other states
 - The length of time required to complete an analysis
 - The estimated cost to complete an analysis
- 10:10 a.m. Comments by interested persons
- 10:20 a.m. Committee discussion and recommendations regarding the review of new legislative measures mandating health insurance coverage
- COORDINATION OF MEDICAID AND HEALTHY STEPS PROGRAMS STUDY**
- 10:45 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding:
- The status of Medicaid plan amendments to eliminate the asset test for Medicaid eligibility
 - The status of the development of a combined application form for the Medicaid and Healthy Steps programs
 - The effect of eliminating the asset test for Medicaid eligibility
 - The standardization of the definition of income for all programs administered by the department
 - The feasibility and desirability of seeking a federal waiver to allow the Healthy Steps program to provide family health insurance coverage through an employer-sponsored insurance policy
- 11:15 a.m. Comments by interested persons
- 11:30 a.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES STUDY

- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota on factors contributing to increases in health insurance premiums
- 1:15 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding the status of the Medicaid prescription drug budget, the estimated budget shortfall for the 2001-03 biennium, and actions implemented or under consideration by the department to reduce the budget shortfall
- 1:30 p.m. Comments by interested persons
- 1:45 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives

COORDINATION OF BENEFITS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

- 2:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota on the activities of the task force on augmentative communication devices
- 2:15 p.m. Comments by interested persons
- 2:30 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives

OTHER DUTIES

- 2:45 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the State Board of Nursing regarding the status of its study of nursing educational requirements and the nursing shortage in the state, including the status of rule changes to facilitate the North Dakota licensure of nurses licensed to practice in other states
- 3:00 p.m. Comments by interested persons
- 3:10 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 3:30 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Senators Judy Lee (Chairman), Dennis Bercier, Gary A. Lee, Michael Polovitz, Ken Solberg, Russell T. Thane
 Representatives Rick Berg, Audrey B. Cleary, William R. Devlin, David Drovdal, Jim Kasper, George Keiser, Carol A. Niemeier, Kenton Onstad, Chet Pollert, Todd Porter, Clara Sue Price, Robin Weisz