

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

Tuesday, May 11, 2004
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of minutes from the January 20-21, 2004, meeting

MEDICAID PROGRAM STUDY

9:05 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding:

- The status of claims pending in the Medicaid management information system
- The status of planning for a new Medicaid management information system, including the possibility of sharing a system with Workforce Safety and Insurance
- A status report on a pilot project implemented in Grand Forks, which allows Medicaid recipients to “opt in” to the local hospital’s health maintenance organization

10:00 a.m. Comments by other interested persons

CHILDREN’S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM REPORT

10:15 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding an update on enrollment statistics and costs and the number of individuals per county participating in the Healthy Steps program

10:30 a.m. Comments by other interested persons

PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS STUDY

10:40 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding a status report on the prior authorization program and an update regarding the federal Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003

11:20 a.m. Comments by other interested persons

MANDATED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE ANALYSIS

11:30 a.m. Comments by a representative of the Insurance Commissioner’s office regarding a recommendation to the Legislative Council for a private entity to be contracted with for conducting cost-benefit analyses of legislative measures mandating health insurance coverage

11:45 a.m. Committee discussion and recommendation regarding the entity to be contracted with by the Legislative Council for cost-benefit analyses of legislative measures mandating health insurance coverage, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-03-28

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

NURSING HOME SURVEY PROCESS STUDY

- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the State Department of Health regarding:
- A review of other states' laws directing nursing home surveyors to consider the diagnosis and treatment provisions of the resident's attending physician
 - Recommendations to enhance the informal dispute resolution process
 - The possibility of collaboration between the State Department of Health and the State Fire Marshal regarding life safety and fire codes for health care facilities
 - The responsibility of the State Department of Health when Life Safety Code violations are "overlooked" by the department during the process of reviewing construction plans and which later result in added costs for the health care facility
- 2:00 p.m. Comments by other interested persons

STATE NURSING BOARDS

- 2:10 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum regarding the organization of state nursing boards, including stand-alone boards and those that are consolidated with other entities
- 2:20 p.m. Comments by other interested persons

COMMUNITY HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM REPORT

- 2:40 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the State Department of Health regarding implementation of the community health grant program, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 23-38-02
- 3:10 p.m. Distribution of a survey by the Legislative Council staff on agency alcohol, drug, tobacco, and risk-associated behavior programs for the 2001-03 and 2003-05 bienniums
- 3:30 p.m. Comments by other interested persons
- 3:40 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Senators Judy Lee (Chairman), Robert S. Erbele, Tom Fischer, Ralph L. Kilzer, Tim Mathern, Russell T. Thane
 Representatives David Drovdal, Joyce Kingsbury, Gary Kreidt, Ralph Metcalf, Carol A. Niemeier, Vonnie Pietsch, Todd Porter, Jo Ann Rodenbiker, Sally M. Sandvig, Gerald Uglem, Don Vigessaa