

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1399**

Introduced by

Representatives Devlin, Delzer, Nelson, Price

Senators Fischer, J. Lee

1 A BILL for an Act to create a pharmaceutical drug company access program within the  
2 department of human services for low-income individuals, and to provide an appropriation.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. Prescription drug assistance.** The department of human services,  
5 through its medical division, shall create and implement a program to assist individuals of low  
6 income to gain access to prescription medications through prescription drug assistance  
7 programs offered by pharmaceutical manufacturers. The department shall use available  
8 computer software programs that link an eligible individual with the appropriate pharmaceutical  
9 company patient assistance program relating to the individual's medically necessary drugs.  
10 The department shall provide education to individuals and providers to promote the program  
11 and to expand enrollment and access to necessary medications for low-income individuals  
12 qualifying for the programs.

13 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
14 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$50,000, or so much  
15 of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of  
16 implementing the prescription drug assistance program, for the biennium beginning July 1,  
17 2003, and ending June 30, 2005.