

Testimony
Health and Human Services Committee
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North Dakota Department of Health

Good afternoon, Chairman Weisz and members of the Health and Human Services Committee. My name is Laura Olson, and I am the PROtect ND Kids business manager for the North Dakota Department of Health.

The committee has asked the Department of Health for information about the Immunization Program Study. I will provide an update regarding the delay in the processing of the electronic member-liable claims, and Mr. Jerry Nye of Riley and Associates will discuss the update on the independent quality improvement evaluation of the state's immunization program. Molly Sander will provide information about the estimated cost to operate a reminder/recall program for immunizations.

Processing of Member-Liable Claims

As you may recall from previous testimony in June, there was discussion about the use of electronic claims transfer between BCBS and the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences (UND) for member-liable claims. UND has met their deadline of June 30 to process any remaining outstanding claims. They have moved ahead with the next claims coming through electronically.

This concludes my portion of the testimony. I am happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Independent Quality Improvement Study on Immunization

Next, Mr. Jerry Nye of Riley and Associates will provide an update on the independent quality improvement study on immunization. He will provide an overview of the study and provide information about the data collection process, areas of focus, and status to date.