

Proposed revisions to the Health Care Reform Review Committee bill draft 11.0806.02000.

- Effective January 1, 2014, repeal the Comprehensive Health Association of North Dakota (CHAND) law, North Dakota Century Code Chapter 26.1-08. Upon repeal, the insurer assessment funding mechanism currently used to fund the CHAND program would be used to fund the health benefit exchange.
- Include a new section to the bill draft which provides:

**APPLICATION.** If the state's health benefit exchange is not approved or conditionally approved by the federal department of health and human services by January 1, 2013, all state agencies shall cooperate with the federal government to assist the federal government in establishing and administering a federally administered health benefit exchange to be operational by January 1, 2014.

- Revise proposed Section 54-66-03, to provide at least one of the three board members who

represent consumers must represent consumers who have low incomes.

- Revise the governance structure of the health benefit exchange so it is not a state agency but is instead a public-private partnership, separate and distinct from the state. This governance structure was proposed under bill draft 11.0802.02000.
- Revise proposed Section 54-66-05(3), which authorizes the division to contract with eligible entities to carry out one or more of the exchange's functions, to clearly authorize the board to participate in joint efforts with one or more states to operate one or more functions of the exchange.
- Revise proposed Section 54-66-09, which provides for two risk pools--one for the individual market and one for the small group market--to allow the board to keep the two risk pools separate or to merge the two risk pools.
- Revise proposed Section 54-66-08(1)(a), to remove the requirement that to qualify to be a navigator an individual must be a licensed insurance producer.