

2025 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES

SB 2190

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

SB 2190
1/20/2025

Relating to medical assistance benefits.
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10:07 a.m. Vice-Chairman Weston opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Lee, Vice-Chairman Weston, Senator Van Oosting, Senator Clemens, Senator Hogan, Senator Roers.

Discussion Topics:

- Mobile clinics
- Broad definitions of common behavioral problems
- Treatment plans
- Applied Behavioral Analysis expansion
- ND Association for Behavior Analysis diagnosis list

10:07 a.m. Senator Judy Lee introduced the bill.

10:10 a.m. Roxane Romanick, Designer Genes of ND, testified in favor and submitted testimony #30089.

10:15 a.m. Cheslea Flory, Director for Burleigh County Human Service Zone, testified in favor and submitted testimony #30175.

10:23 a.m. Sarah Aker, Executive Director of Medical Services with DHHS, testified in neutral and submitted testimony #30059.

10:34 a.m. Chairman Lee closed the hearing.

Andrew Ficek, Committee Clerk



Health & Human Services

Testimony
Senate Bill No. 2190
Senate Human Services Committee
Senator Judy Lee, Chairman
January 20, 2025

Chairman Lee, and members of the Senate Human Services Committee, I am Sarah Aker, Executive Director of Medical Services with the Department of Health and Human Services (Department). I appear before you to provide neutral testimony related to Senate Bill No. 2190.

This bill significantly broadens the scope of covered Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services to treat common behavioral problems across the lifespan of individuals with a variety of psychological and medical diagnoses. Currently in ND Medicaid, ABA therapy is covered for children under 21 years of age with an autism spectrum disorder diagnosis.

ND Medicaid requires a service authorization for ABA therapy to verify medical necessity. Reassessment of ABA services is required every 180 days. Annual review of medical necessity is required for continued services. ABA services include assessment, adaptive behavior treatment, and skills training.

ND Medicaid allows Behavior Analyst providers to also provide certain behavioral health rehabilitative services, including screening, triage and referral, behavioral assessments, skills training and integration, and behavioral intervention services. Behavioral health rehabilitative services are provided to both adults and children. To receive behavioral

health rehabilitation services, members must be at risk of entering or re-entering a mental health facility or hospital and demonstrate functional limitations as evidenced by the World Health Organization Disability Assessment Schedule or Daily Living Activities-20 or have a mental health disorder and be in family at risk or that is experiencing dysfunction disrupting the family, or need substance use disorder services.

The expansion of services in this bill are not included in the Governor's budget. The Department calculates that expanding services to treat common behavioral problems across the lifespan of individuals with a variety of psychological and medical diagnoses would cost approximately \$13,967,000 in total funds. To calculate this fiscal impact, ND Medicaid used diagnoses provided by the North Dakota Association for Behavior Analysis for a similar bill¹ in the 2023 biennium. Those diagnoses include dementia, eating disorders, pyromania, kleptomania, intellectual disabilities, specific and pervasive developmental disorders, and global developmental delay. Using claims data, we estimated that 20,509 individuals in Traditional Medicaid have one of these diagnoses. Of the 20,509, we estimated that 15% or 3,076 would receive services and based utilization assumptions on the average utilization of existing ABA members.

Our team also reviewed the fiscal impact associated with expanding ABA coverage to adults with an autism spectrum disorder diagnosis. Using claims data, we estimated that 188 of individuals would receive services, totaling \$853,613 in total funds.

The Department has concerns about the efficacy of ABA for the broad list of diagnoses currently included in this bill, as evidence does not support ABA for all diagnoses. In

¹ House Bill 1530: [HB 1530 - Overview | North Dakota Legislative Branch](#)

addition, the Department knows that children with autism are not always able to access ABA today due to workforce shortages and geography. This bill would place additional demands on the already limited capacity available in North Dakota.

Additionally, the Department would require additional resources to support service authorizations for expansion of this service. Medicaid programs across the country are increasingly seeing fraud, waste, and abuse associated with these services. In Minnesota², the Federal Bureau of Investigation has gotten involved in the investigation of 2 autism providers as recently as December 2024, and another 29 providers are reportedly under investigation by the Minnesota Department of Human Services. ND Medicaid is currently conducting a program integrity review of ABA services but does not yet have findings to share associated with that review. Our team takes our responsibility to safeguard state tax dollars in the Medicaid program seriously. We estimate that the Department would need approximately \$250,000 per biennium to support the additional service authorizations and resources need to appropriately safeguard this service for our Medicaid members.

This concludes my testimony. I am happy to answer any questions the committee may have. Thank you.

² [Feds serve search warrants in autism fraud investigation • Minnesota Reformer](#)

SB 2190
Senate Human Services
Monday, January 20, 2025
Senator Judy Lee, Chair

Chair Lee and Members of the Senate Human Services Committee:

My name is Roxane Romanick and I am here in support of SB 2190 as a representative of Designer Genes of North Dakota. I'm representing Designer Genes of North Dakota, Inc. Designer Genes' membership represents individuals with Down syndrome and their families across the state of North Dakota. Designer Genes' mission is to strengthen opportunities for individuals with Down syndrome and those who support them to earn, learn, and belong.

SB 2190 expands access to Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services to assess and treat common behavioral challenges across the lifespan for individuals with a variety of psychological and medical diagnoses. Children and adults with Down syndrome face unique behavioral challenges which can include frustration stemming from communication difficulties, difficulty adapting to daily routines and transitions, and the need to increase independence with medical needs and equipment such as CPAP machines, hearing aids, and glasses. ABA has been shown to be effective in addressing these challenges, promoting positive behavioral changes, and skill development.¹ Research specific to Down syndrome continues to emerge, the broader evidence for ABA's success in addressing behavioral issues across diagnoses strongly supports its application to individuals with Down syndrome.²³ While not specific to Medicaid coverage, every state has mandated insurance coverage for ABA services for individuals with Autism. A handful of states also include developmental disabilities in the language and Florida amended their autism mandate to include Down syndrome.⁴

I have witnessed the potential of individuals with Down syndrome when they have access to the right tools and supports. ABA can be one such tool—an evidence-based approach that equips individuals and their families with strategies to navigate complex challenges and empower our loved ones to succeed. Currently, restrictive eligibility criteria in ND Medicaid limit access to ABA services, leaving families of individuals with Down syndrome and other medical diagnoses without these supports. Expanding coverage to include these populations aligns with principles of equity and inclusion. It ensures that no family is left behind simply because their loved one's diagnosis falls outside a certain criterion.

This bill has the potential to transform lives, empowering individuals with Down syndrome and other medical diagnoses to thrive in their communities. I ask your support of SB 2190. Thank you for your time.

Roxane Romanick
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¹ [A Meta-Analysis of Single-Case Research on Applied Behavior Analytic Interventions for People With Down Syndrome - PubMed](#)

² [Understanding Behavioral Challenges | Global Down Syndrome Foundation](#)

³ <https://cdn.down-syndrome.org/pubs/a/perspectives-316.pdf>

⁴ [More States Requiring Insurers To Cover Developmental Disabilities](#)

Testimony Prepared for the
The North Dakota Senate Human Services
Senate Bill 2190 Relating to medical assistance benefits
January 20th, 2025
By: Chelsea Flory, Burleigh County Human Service Zone Director

Chair Lee, and members of the North Dakota Senate Human Services Committee, my name is Cheslea Flory, and I serve as the Director for the Burleigh County Human Service Zone, which includes the county of Burleigh. Additionally, I am a member of the North Dakota Human Service Zone Director Association. I am here today to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 2190 relating to medical assistance benefits.

Human Service Zones serve as a custodial agent for youth in foster care and it is our responsibility to ensure those youth receive appropriate interventions, determining these through collaboration with medical and mental health providers. Human Service Zones serve complex youth who have experienced childhood trauma and may be entering care with unmet medical or behavioral needs. As a result, these youth can experience disruption in placement, additional trauma, placement in residential facilities or increased behaviors resulting in delinquency charges. As a legal custodian, these complex youth continue to be the highest priority as we work diligently to stabilize placement and initiate appropriate services in community bases settings, with the ultimate goal of supporting families with reunification in safe and healthy environments.

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy offers numerous benefits for individuals and their caregivers such as: skill development, behavior improvement planning, enhances social skills, increased independence, and individualized treatment plans tailored to the needs of the individual. These personalized services could encompass

supports with independent living skills, communication, development of healthier coping mechanisms and managing daily stressors. ABA services and the ability to create individualized service plans supports a more effective approach for therapy, ensuring targeted interventions and specific training for caregivers and educational supports. ABA therapy is the trauma informed care approach towards behavior modification. This encourages positive behavioral changes by identifying and reinforcing preferred behaviors and helping the individual to develop healthier and safer coping skills. This could include relaxation techniques, problem solving skills, self-regulations of their own behavior or emotion, and social skills to improve relationships.

SB 2190 would allow for medical assistance coverage to include payment for ABA services in both the assessment and treatment of individuals with a variety of psychological and medical diagnosis. As a designated legal custodian for youth in foster care I have seen many of the complex youth I previously referred to benefit from services such as ABA therapy. This has helped with stabilization, resulting in more successful treatment interventions and residential placement in community-based settings. The North Dakota Human Service Zone Director Association supports the passage of this bill and thanks you for your time and consideration; I stand for questions from the committee.

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Human Services Committee Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

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Relating to medical assistance benefits.
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3:29 p.m. Chairman Lee opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Lee, Vice-Chairman Weston, Senator Van Oosting, Senator Clemens, Senator Hogan, Senator Roers.

Discussion Topics:

- Applied Behavior Analysis lifespan
- Fraud Waste and Abuse

3:29 p.m. Committee discussion.

3:33 p.m. Chairman Lee closed the hearing.

Andrew Ficek, Committee Clerk

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

SB 2190
1/22/2025
2:47 p.m.

Relating to medical assistance benefits.
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2:47 p.m. Chairman Lee opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Lee, Vice-Chairman Weston, Senator Van Oosting, Senator Clemens, Senator Hogan, Senator Roers.

Discussion Topics:

- Disjointed bill language

2:51 p.m. Johnathan Alm, Attorney with ND Department of Human Health and Services, answered committee questions.

Additional written testimony:

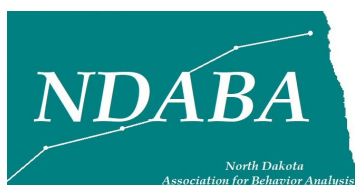
Jordan Lill submitted written testimony #30801 and #31017 in favor.

Vicki Peterson submitted written testimony #31018 in favor.

Annie Richards submitted written testimony #31019 in favor.

3:55 p.m. Chairman Lee adjourned the meeting.

Andrew Ficek, Committee Clerk



North Dakota Association for Behavior Analysis

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Chairperson Lee, and Members of the Health and Human Services Committee.

The North Dakota Association for Behavior Analysis is in favor of SB 2190 as applied behavior analysis has been demonstrated as being an effective approach to addressing challenging behaviors that interfere with quality of life across diagnoses and across the lifespan. Applied behavior analytic interventions have demonstrated efficacy including addiction (Dallery, 2023a; 2023b), adherence to medical and dental routines (Allen & Kupzyk, 2016; Barboza et al., 2023; Kupzyk & Allen, 2019; Kupzyk et al., 2021), attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (Orantes et al., 2023), gerontology (LeBlanc et al., 2011), prevention of various medical problems (Allen & Hine, 2015), among many other common problems that North Dakotans may be confronted with. The expanded access to additional service providers who apply an evidence- and research-based ethical practice with the support of several medical and education associations would only benefit the citizens of North Dakota.

As a treatment applied behavior analysis has been supported by a multitude of medical and educational professional organizations including *American Academy of Pediatrics*, *Center for Disease Control*, *American Psychology Association*, *National Association of School Psychologist*, and *National Education Association*. Applied behavior analysis is practiced by 99 Board Certified Behavior Analysts, 3 Board Certified Behavior Analysts-Doctoral, and a total of 149 licensed behavior analysts across the State. Expanding ABA across the lifespan would not strain a system, but would have the potential to grow a much needed system of care. Expansion would lead to variety and parity of services that may prevent migration of talented providers, and increase the interest, training opportunities, and job opportunities that are needed in State.

Please consider our comments as the Committee makes recommendations.

Respectfully,

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Senator Lee,

Thank you for your email and support for this bill!

While coverage across the lifespan is the enviable goal, getting SB 2190 through would be another substantive landmark.

We have also discussed focusing on pediatrics though. I do think having access to ABA therapy for North Dakotans birth to 21 (pediatrics) would provide early intervention to where intensive services at adulthood would not be as intensive.

However, if coverage through the lifespan for those diagnosed with ASD is the path we must take to reach the goal of ABA expansion across the lifespan for all, let's go for it!

I would also ask that we consider no longer mandate prior authorization for the assessment of medical necessity as this causes hardship and long delays for families to access services. Please consider.

Thank you, Sen Lee!

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Senate Bill 2190

Senate Human Services

Madam Chair Lee and Members of the Senate Human Services Committee

My name is Vicki Peterson, I am a Family Consultant for Family Voices of ND. Family Voices of ND is the statewide Family to Family Health Information and Education Center in ND. My role as a consultant is to support families who have children and youth with chronic health conditions, disabilities, and special health care needs. Family Voices of ND connects families to resources, application assistance, navigate systems of care, education, training, and emotional support.

I am writing this testimony in favor of SB 2190. This bill would allow for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) to a wider variety of persons with psychological and medical diagnosis. Children and youth of a wide variety of diagnostics including Intellectual Disability, Down Syndrome, Anxiety and Behavioral Disorders, and even in some cases Traumatic Brain Injury. Currently ABA is the gold standard for treatment of autism spectrum disorders, this bill would look beyond just the Autism Spectrum to help those who could benefit from this individualized therapy based on presenting behaviors.

ABA is designed to promote positive and healthy behaviors in place of behaviors that are possibly disruptive and, in some cases, harmful. I speak of behaviors, but I am speaking of communications. ABA can be used for skill development which for many children and youth with a wide variety of diagnosis, would lead to independence, socialization and possibly a skill that can be used in an employment opportunity.

Currently in ND, ABA therapy is restricted to those with an autism spectrum disorder when this specialized therapy could be supporting many others with positive outcomes. In my role as a Family Consultant, I many times must inform parents who have children on Medicaid call looking for the resource of ABA therapy that it is not available except for those with an Autism Diagnosis. It can be devastating for a parent to hear that the therapy is not available and not sure where to go after that.

I urge you to vote a DO PASS on SB2190, so others may benefit from the individualized ABA therapy.

Thank you for your time.

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Lobbyist #293

I am reaching out regarding SB 2190 and the provision to expand ABA across populations. This is an issue that is close to our work at WFPS as we are the only district in ND that has billed ABA. As such, we have a unique understanding of the opportunities and challenges.

First, I want to thank you for bringing this to the floor. As a BCBA, these services are critical preventative interventions and can be life changing. We have seen the positive impact of ABA and believe that expansion beyond the autism diagnosis is much needed. We currently provide these services to students who have the need for this kind of intensive programming regardless of their diagnosis - and are only able to bill for those with autism. Expanding beyond the single diagnostic label would support us in obtaining reimbursement for services we are already providing for learners with high needs.

After reviewing the testimony from the previous committee hearing, I recognize the concerns that current language in the bill may be overly broad. Other states have addressed this issue by expanding ABA to specific diagnostic criteria (or even just specific diagnoses), including [Virginia](#)

and [Minnesota](#). While behavior analysis can support a wide range of issues, there may be need to narrow the scope of medically necessary services for the purposes of Medicaid reimbursement. I believe these examples can provide a good foundation for North Dakota's discussion on what populations to target for these valuable services.

While expanding the population beyond autism would better reflect the work being done, I want to be transparent and share that it may not actually lead to a dramatic increase in number of learners who can access these services. In the past few years of providing ABA, WFPS has found that the administrative barriers uniquely associated with ABA limit our ability to expand this service beyond a very narrow scope. These administrative barriers are not present in other IEP services like SLP, OT, and PT services. I have found in my research that other states have worked to reduce these barriers and am hoping that ND can take similar measures soon. ABA is a valuable early intervention tool and reducing administrative burden would support schools (and community agencies) to implement more efficient services.

Thank you for reading this email - please feel free to reach back out to me if you have any questions or would like to chat further about any of the topics I addressed. My cell is 701-261-0776.

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West Fargo Public Schools

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

SB 2190
1/22/2025

Relating to medical assistance benefits.
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3:25 p.m. Chairman Lee opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Lee, Vice-Chairman Weston, Senator Van Oosting, Senator Clemens, Senator Hogan, Senator Roers.

Discussion Topics:

- Medicaid expansion dental code coverage
- Pediatric practices

3:28 p.m. Courtney Koebele, Executive Director for ND Health Medical Association, answered committee questions.

3:34 p.m. Chairman Lee adjourned the meeting.

Andrew Ficek, Committee Clerk

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

SB 2190
2/3/2025

Relating to medical assistance benefits.
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2:48 p.m. Chairman Lee opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Lee, Vice-Chairman Weston, Senator Van Oosting, Senator Clemens, Senator Hogan, Senator Roers.

Discussion Topics:

- Diagnosed individuals
- Coverage by Medicaid expansion
- Cross disabilities

2:48 p.m. Sarah Aker, Executive Director for ND Department of Health and Human Services, answered committee questions.

2:51 p.m. Senator Hogan moved Do Pass on amendment LC# 25.0084.01001.

2:51 p.m. Senator Roers seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Judy Lee	Y
Senator Kent Weston	N
Senator David A. Clemens	Y
Senator Kathy Hogan	Y
Senator Kristin Roers	Y
Senator Desiree Van Oosting	Y

Motion passed 5-1-0.

2:57 p.m. Senator Hogan moved Do Pass as amended and rereferred to Appropriations.

2:57 p.m. Senator Roers seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Judy Lee	Y
Senator Kent Weston	N
Senator David A. Clemens	Y
Senator Kathy Hogan	Y
Senator Kristin Roers	Y
Senator Desiree Van Oosting	Y

Motion passed 5-1-0.

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Chairman Lee will carry the bill.

2:58 p.m. Chairman Lee closed the hearing.

Andrew Ficek, Committee Clerk

February 3, 2025

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Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

SENATE BILL NO. 2190

Introduced by

Senators Lee, Mathern

Representatives Dobervich, Schauer

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-24.1-45 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to medical assistance benefits.

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

- 4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-24.1-45 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

- 6 **50-24.1-45. Medical assistance benefits - Family adaptive behavior treatment and**
7 **guidance - Dental screening and assessments - Dental case management - Teledentistry**
8 **- Applied behavioral analysis.**

- 9 Medical assistance coverage must include payment for the following services:

- 10 1. Family adaptive behavioral treatment and guidance to educate parents and caregivers
11 to continue to carry out plans and recommendations of applied behavioral analysis.
12 2. Dental screening and assessment of patients to identify individuals in need of
13 additional assessment, diagnostic, and treatment services.
14 3. Dental case management for maintenance of oral health for special populations,
15 including elderly, special needs, medically fragile, and children.
16 4. Asynchronous teledentistry to reduce barriers to dental care through outreach
17 programs and to integrate oral health into general health care settings to identify and
18 refer treatment needs.

- 1 5. Applied behavioral analysis to provide coverage to both assess and treat common
2 behavioral problems across the lifespan of individuals with a variety of psychological
3 and medical diagnoses autism spectrum disorder.
4 6. The services identified in subsections 2, 3, and 4, and 5 do not apply to Medicaid
5 expansion.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2190**

Human Services Committee (Sen. Lee, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.0084.01001](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the **Appropriations Committee** (5 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2190 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

2025 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2190

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee Harvest Room, State Capitol

SB 2190
2/6/2025

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-24.1-45 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to medical assistance benefits.

2:50 p.m. Chairman Bekkedahl opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Bekkedahl, Vice-Chairman Erbele, and Senators Burckhard, Cleary, Conley, Davison, Dever, Dwyer, Magrum, Mathern, Meyer, Schaible, Sickler, Sorvaag, Thomas, Wanzek.

Discussion Topics:

- Behavioral Analysis Coverage
- Dental Coverage

2:51 p.m. Senator Mathern introduced the bill.

2:53 p.m. Senator Mathern moved a Do Pass.

2:53 p.m. Senator Davison seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Brad Bekkedahl	Y
Senator Robert Erbele	Y
Senator Randy A. Burckhard	Y
Senator Sean Cleary	Y
Senator Cole Conley	Y
Senator Kyle Davison	Y
Senator Dick Dever	Y
Senator Michael Dwyer	Y
Senator Jeffery J. Magrum	Y
Senator Tim Mathern	Y
Senator Scott Meyer	Y
Senator Donald Schaible	Y
Senator Jonathan Sickler	Y
Senator Ronald Sorvaag	Y
Senator Paul J. Thomas	Y
Senator Terry M. Wanzek	Y

Motion Passed 16-0-0.

Senator Lee will carry the bill.

2:56 p.m. Chairman Bekkedahl closed the hearing.

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Elizabeth Reiten, Committee Clerk

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED SB 2190 ([25.0084.03000](#))**

Appropriations Committee (Sen. Bekkedahl, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (16 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2190 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

2025 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

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2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

SB 2190
3/11/2025

Relating to medical assistance benefits.
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9:52 a.m. Chairman M. Ruby opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman M. Ruby, Vice-Chairman Frelich, Representatives K. Anderson, Beltz, Bolinske, Fegley, Hendrix, Holle, Kiefert, Rios

Members Absent: Representatives Davis, Dobervich, Rohr

Discussion Topics:

- Applied behavior analysis

9:53 a.m. Senator Lee, District 13, introduced the bill.

9:56 a.m. Maurice Hardy, Director of the Dakota Central Human Service Zone, testified in favor.

9:57 a.m. Sarah Aker, Executive Director of DHHS Medical Services of North Dakota Health and Human Services, testified and answered questions.

9:59 a.m. Chairman M. Ruby closed the hearing.

Jackson Toman, Committee Clerk

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

SB 2190
3/24/2025

Relating to medical assistance benefits.
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2:46 p.m. Chairman M. Ruby opened the meeting.

Members Present: Chairman M. Ruby, Vice-Chairman Frelich, Representatives K. Anderson, Beltz, Bolinske, Davis, Dobervich, Fegley, Hendrix, Holle, Kiefert, Rios, Rohr

Discussion Topics:

- Committee discussion

2:47 p.m. Representative Holle and Chairman M. Ruby discussed the bill.

2:50 p.m. Chairman M. Ruby closed the meeting.

Jackson Toman, Committee Clerk

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

SB 2190
3/25/2025

Relating to medical assistance benefits.
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10:00 a.m. Chairman M. Ruby opened the meeting.

Members Present: Chairman M. Ruby, Vice-Chairman Frelich, Representatives K. Anderson, Beltz, Bolinske, Davis, Fegley, Hendrix, Holle, Rohr

Members Absent: Representatives Dobervich, Kiefert, Rios

Discussion Topics:

- Committee action

10:08 a.m. Representative Holle moved a Do Not Pass.

10:08 a.m. Representative K. Anderson seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Matthew Ruby	Y
Representative Kathy Frelich	Y
Representative Karen Anderson	Y
Representative Mike Beltz	N
Representative Macy Bolinske	Y
Representative Jayme Davis	N
Representative Gretchen Dobervich	AB
Representative Cleyton Fegley	N
Representative Jared Hendrix	N
Representative Dawson Holle	Y
Representative Dwight Kiefert	AB
Representative Nico Rios	AB
Representative Karen Rohr	Y

10:09 a.m. Motion passed 6-4-3.

Representative Frelich will carry the bill.

10:09 a.m. Chairman M. Ruby closed the meeting.

Jackson Toman, Committee Clerk

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED SB 2190 ([25.0084.03000](#))**

Human Services Committee (Rep. M. Ruby, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (6 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 3 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2190 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.