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## HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 1, 2023  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of the [minutes of the August 30, 2023, meeting](#)

### PRIOR AUTHORIZATION STUDY

9:05 a.m. Presentation by Legislative Council staff of a [memorandum](#) relating to the health insurance prior authorization study

9:10 a.m. Presentation by [Ms. Melanie Wilson](#), Senior Vice President, Revenue Services, Essentia Health, and [Ms. Emily Carroll](#), Senior Attorney, American Medical Association, regarding prior authorization in health benefit plans

9:45 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Tim Blasl, President, North Dakota Hospital Association, and members of the North Dakota Hospital Association, regarding prior authorization

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Dylan Wheeler, Head of Government Affairs, Sanford Health Plan, regarding prior authorization in health benefit plans

11:00 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Megan Houn, Vice President, Government Affairs and Public Policy, Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota, regarding prior authorization in health benefit plans

11:15 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Marnie Walth, Head of Legislative Affairs, Sanford Health Plan, on hospital finance

11:40 a.m. Comments by interested persons

12:00 noon Recess

### VALUE-BASED CARE STUDY

1:00 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative from Essentia Health regarding value-based care in rural areas

1:25 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Blasl, members of the North Dakota Hospital Association, and Ms. Walth, regarding value-based care

2:15 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Sarah Aker, Executive Director, Medical Services Division, Department of Health and Human Services, regarding value-based care strategies and programs in other states

2:45 p.m. Comments by interested persons

3:05 p.m. Committee discussion and directives

3:15 p.m. Adjourn

**A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <https://video.ndlegis.gov>.**

**Committee Members**

Senators: Kyle Davison (Chairman), Sean Cleary, Tim Mathern, Kristin Roers

Representatives: Gretchen Dobervich, Clayton Fegley, LaurieBeth Hager, Dawson Holle, Carrie McLeod,  
Jon O. Nelson, Emily O'Brien, Karen M. Rohr, Mary Schneider, Greg Stemen, Michelle  
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