

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

INSURANCE AND HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 10, 1997

Roughrider Room, State Capitol

Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of minutes of October 22, 1997, meeting
Comments by committee chairman

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES STUDY

9:05 a.m. Comments by Mr. Tim Wiedrich, Director, Division of Emergency Health Services, State Department of Health, regarding the division's current budget, plans for the next biennium's budget, and prioritization of implementing elements of the five-year emergency medical services plan

9:35 a.m. Comments by Ms. Vicki Berreth, Volunteer, Kidder County Ambulance Service; Mr. Scott Sayer, Volunteer, Finley Ambulance Service; and Mr. Steve Bennett, Volunteer, Walhalla Ambulance Service, regarding emergency medical services recruitment and fiscal concerns

9:55 a.m. Comments by Mr. Todd Porter, Director, Metro Area Ambulance Service, regarding Medicare reimbursement

10:05 a.m. Comments by Mr. Dale Severson, Volunteer, Cooperstown Ambulance Service, regarding the price of volunteerism in North Dakota

10:20 a.m. Coffee Break

10:35 a.m. Presentation by committee counsel regarding how other states fund emergency medical services programs and updated funding source data

10:50 a.m. Comments by Mr. Mark Haugen, Past President, Emergency Medical Services Association, regarding emergency medical services enhancement funding and dedicated funding sources

11:10 a.m. Committee discussion and directives

MANAGED CARE STUDY - UPDATES

11:20 a.m. Comments by Mr. Fred Gladden, Director, Division of Health Facilities, State Department of Health, regarding critical access hospitals

11:35 a.m. Comments by Mr. Tom Solberg, Managed Care Administrator, Department of Human Services, regarding implementation of the Grand Forks Medicaid health maintenance organization project and prevention and wellness services offered by the project

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

TELEMEDICINE STUDY

1:00 p.m. Comments by a representative of the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences regarding:

- The basics of telemedicine
- The impact telemedicine may have on providing health services to rural North Dakotans
- The relation of telemedicine to critical access hospitals
- Legislative issues

- 1:45 p.m. Comments by Ms. Shari Frueh, Project Director, TeleCare Network, St. Alexius Medical Center, regarding its telemedicine system, telemedicine-related legislative needs, and barriers relating to telemedicine
- 2:10 p.m. Comments by a representative of Dakota Telemedicine System, Medcenter One, regarding its telemedicine system, telemedicine-related legislative needs, and barriers relating to telemedicine
- 2:35 p.m. Coffee break
- 2:50 p.m. Comments by Mr. Mark Lester, Manager, Sales and Service, U S West, regarding telemedicine
- 3:20 p.m. Committee discussion and directives
- MANAGED CARE STUDY**
- 3:35 p.m. Presentation by committee counsel of memorandums regarding incentives used to encourage for-profit health care providers to invest in communities; Minnesota's approach to managed care; and the State Department of Health's authority to gather and publish medical provider information
- 3:55 p.m. Comments by Mr. Mike Mullen, Policy Analyst, Division of Health Information Systems, State Department of Health, regarding physician and managed care organization data collection and the evolution of managed care quality of care evaluation
- 4:20 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Senators Karen K. Krebsbach (Chairman), Judy L. DeMers, Jerry Klein
 Representatives Michael Brandenburg, Thomas T. Brusegaard, Mike Callahan, Ron Carlisle, Al Carlson, David Drovdal, Pam Gulleason, Kenneth Kroeplin, Alice Olson, Clara Sue Price, Wanda Rose, John M. Warner