

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

Thursday and Friday, February 24-25, 2000

Roughrider Room, State Capitol

Bismarck, North Dakota

Thursday, February 24, 2000

1:00 p.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of minutes of the October 18-19, 1999, meeting

COMMUNITY HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM

1:05 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of an analysis of the tobacco settlement trust fund and the community health trust fund

1:20 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the State Department of Health on the following items related to the community health trust fund:

- Prioritization of recommendations for the use of trust fund moneys
- Interest estimated to be earned on the trust fund and whether the interest will remain in the fund or be transferred to the general fund

1:50 p.m. Presentation by Ms. June Herman, Vice President of Advocacy, American Heart Association, on the prioritization of the various elements of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention proposal for a statewide comprehensive tobacco prevention program, including the elements that could be fully implemented within the 10 percent allocation from the tobacco settlement trust fund

2:10 p.m. Presentation by Ms. Frances Eggen, Director, Tobacco Dependence Treatment Center, Fargo, and Ms. Dawn Hoffner, Coordinator, Red River Health Promotion Council, Fargo, on tobacco prevention and cessation programs for adults and adolescents, including the services of the Tobacco Dependence Treatment Center

2:30 p.m. Presentation by Dr. Sharon Anderson, Director, North Dakota State University Extension Service, on current and proposed Extension Service programs for tobacco prevention and cessation

2:45 p.m. Comments by interested persons and committee discussion

HEALTH CARE STUDY

3:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences on:

- Current initiatives of the School of Medicine and Health Sciences relating to access to and the quality and cost of health care in North Dakota
- Duplication of services of health care delivery systems in the state
- Current initiatives of the School of Medicine and Health Sciences to maintain health care services in rural areas
- Technological innovations affecting the delivery of health care in rural areas, including telemedicine initiatives

- 3:40 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services on methods used to track the court-ordered payment of health insurance premiums by noncustodial parents
- 3:50 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services on the impact of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 on State Hospital revenues
- 4:05 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services on the status of federal legislation impacting the provision of home health services and Medicare reimbursement of those services
- 4:20 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the State Department of Health on a proposal to expand the state's educational loan repayment program
- 4:30 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the State Department of Health on emergency medical services in North Dakota, including:
- Future role of emergency medical services
 - Suggested changes in the provision of emergency medical services
 - Impact of the critical access hospital designation on the provision of emergency medical services
- 4:45 p.m. Comments by interested persons and committee discussion
- 5:00 p.m. Recess

Friday, February 25, 2000

- 9:00 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota Health Care Association on:
- The cost of providing services for the treatment of pneumonia, diagnosis-related group (DRG) #89, including information related to provider groups that are reimbursed on a fee schedule rather than on a cost basis, reimbursements received for services as a percentage of the cost to provide those services, the sources and amounts of reimbursements received by hospitals for DRG #89, and a comparison of the reimbursements received by rural and urban hospitals
 - Changes in the costs of specific health care services in North Dakota during the last five years
- 9:20 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the State Department of Health on:
- Amounts paid for inpatient hospital services for the five most common major diagnostic categories in North Dakota
 - Changes in the cost of specific health care services in North Dakota during the last five years
 - Reimbursement rates and methodologies used by insurance companies, Medicaid, Medicare, and other health care payers
- 10:00 a.m. Presentation by a representative of Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota regarding changes in reimbursements for major DRGs during the last five years
- 10:10 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the State Department of Health on public hearings held by the State Health Council pursuant to 1999 House Concurrent Resolution No. 3070 relating to health care needs in the state

- 10:20 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the State Department of Health on the impact of the farm crisis on the demand for health care services, including:
- Health care services currently being offered to help people affected by the farm crisis
 - Barriers faced by people seeking access to health care services
 - New programs that could be implemented
- 10:35 a.m. Comments by interested persons and committee discussion
- 10:45 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services on federal regulations relating to Medicaid reimbursement of nurse practitioner services and options to remove barriers that prevent Medicaid reimbursement of those services in North Dakota
- 11:00 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services on the department's policies regarding the preauthorization of pharmaceutical services for the Medicaid program
- 11:15 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Shelly Peterson, Executive Director, North Dakota Long Term Care Association, on regulations relating to the nursing facility survey process and related costs and penalties in North Dakota and other states
- 11:30 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Tim Tracy, Administrator, Towner County Medical Center, Cando, on the nursing facility survey process, including compliance costs and the informal dispute resolution process
- 11:45 a.m. Comments by interested persons and committee discussion
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM**
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services on the following items related to the children's health insurance program:
- Enrollment statistics, including the number of applicants determined ineligible for the program and the reasons for the ineligibility
 - Program costs
- 1:30 p.m. Presentation by Lt. Governor Rosemarie Myrdal, Chairman, Children's Services Coordinating Committee, on the use of a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant to identify and enroll children in the children's health insurance program
- 1:40 p.m. Comments by interested persons and committee discussion
- LONG-TERM CARE INCENTIVES STUDY**
- 2:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services on the loan and grant program for nursing facility care alternatives implemented pursuant to 1999 Senate Bill No. 2168, including:
- The status of the implementation of the program
 - The criteria used by the department to review applications for funding
 - The number of applications received
 - The amount of loan and grant funding made available through the program and potential uses for the funds

- 2:30 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services on the status and history of intergovernmental transfer programs (similar to the program implemented in North Dakota pursuant to 1999 Senate Bill No. 2168) which have been implemented in other states
- 2:50 p.m. Presentation by Ms. Peterson and Mr. Tracy on potential uses for funds made available pursuant to 1999 Senate Bill No. 2168 and other types of incentives which could be considered to assist rural communities and nursing facilities in reducing bed capacity and providing alternative services
- 3:10 p.m. Status report by a representative of the Task Force on Long-Term Care Planning
- 3:20 p.m. Comments by interested persons and committee discussion
- 3:30 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Representatives Clara Sue Price (Chairman), Byron Clark, Audrey Cleary, William R. Devlin, David Drovdal, Serenus Hoffner, Keith A. Kempenich, Deb Lundgren, Carol A. Niemeier, Todd Porter, Wanda Rose, Dale C. Severson, Ken Svedjan
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