



North Dakota Hospital Association

**Vision**

*The North Dakota Hospital Association will take an active leadership role in major Healthcare issues.*

**Mission**

*The North Dakota Hospital Association exists to advance the health status of persons served by the membership.*

**North Dakota Legislative Management  
Budget Section  
September 24, 2014**

Good morning Chairman Pollert and members of the Budget Section. I am Jerry E. Jurena, President of the North Dakota Hospital Association.

During the 2013 Legislative Session I came before you asking for assistance to help Hospitals with the collection of services they are providing. The bad debt across the state was rising at an alarming rate and in the oil producing counties it was out of hand raising as much as seven fold. Through many discussions covering options that may work we settled on a software package from Emdeon. This package provides hospitals a source to verify personal data and health insurance data.

House Bill 1358 provided \$9.6 million dollars to Critical Access Hospitals in oil-producing counties and contiguous counties to address the effects of oil and gas related economic development activities in those counties. House Bill 1015 authorized the Department of Human Services to allow the use of a portion of the dollars to be used to assist hospitals in developing a system to verify patient personal data and insurance information. The agreed upon amount was \$700,000.

NDHA choose to use Emdeon and entered into a three year contract with them. This proposal was not limited to oil-producing counties. To date we have 13 Hospitals currently using the system, one went with Emdeon thru their Epic system and we have two that are considering using. Attached is a listing of the hospitals using Emdeon through NDHA.

While we were in the process of setting up two large hospitals set up similar systems through Epic and one system has an in-house system.

To date we have spent \$153,570.30. The program will run through 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry E. Jurena, President  
North Dakota Hospital Association

Facility:	Adhoc Eligibility	Address Verification	Notes
Tioga Medical Center	2/6/2014	8/13/2014	Slow start but have started using the program
Saint Luke's Hospital	2/13/2014	WIP	Facility changes have caused a delay in activation
Sakakawea Medical Center	2/5/2014	7/8/2014	Starting to use
Mountrail County Medical Center	2/14/2014	TBD	Program being utilized
Linton Hospital	2/13/2014	TBD	Enrollment pending
Towner County Medical Center	2/25/2014	N/A	High useage
Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center	2/13/2014	TBD	Minimal Useage - but helpful
Presentation Medical Center	2/12/2014	NA	High useage
West River Regional Medical Center	2/4/2014	6/2/2014	High useage. Finding it very helpful at registration
Saint Aloisius Medical Center	2/12/2014	6/23/2014	Minimal Useage - but helpful
Saint Andrews Health Center	2/13/2014	6/27/2014	High useage
Jamestown Regional Medical Center (Jamestown Hospitals)	N/A	N/A	Participated in this program until transitioned to Epic
PHS Indian Hospital at Belcourt - Quentin N. Burdick	3/12/2014	N/A	High useage
McKenzie County Healthcare Systems	2/26/2014	TBD	Useage is increasing

13 - Facilities in the program

1 - Facility was in the program but dropped due to transition to Epic

2 - Facilities considering the program that have other programs in place.

TOTAL GRANT	\$700,000.00
TOTAL SPEND as of 9/23/14	\$153,570.30
Balance	<u>\$546,429.70</u>