



HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chairman Senator Lee and Committee Members:

I am Cheryl Rising, FNP, Legislative Liaison for the North Dakota Nurse Practitioner Organization (NDNPA). I did testify briefly in the past that NDNPA supports new ideas in health care delivery and we would be interested in working with the group looking at community paramedics.

During the interim, NP's have presented at meetings in Bismarck and Fargo to provide insight on the community paramedics issue. We have advocated that if this bill continues to go forward, NP's would need to ensure that the bills were provider neutral. As NP's in North Dakota, we are primary care providers; therefore, in order to provide adequate care to our patients, we would need to be able to give orders to the community paramedic. Similarly, as primary care providers, we also would need to be able to supervise this group of individuals.

We were glad to be a part of the Community Paramedic Pilot Study Recommendations.

Policy Recommendation 1: We support this recommendation. If this provision was not listed it would be a barrier to practice in some communities.

Policy Recommendation 3: We are primary providers and need the community paramedics to be able to accept orders from APRNs as well as take referrals. If this is not specified, it will present a barrier to practice in the communities we serve.



Policy Recommendation 9: As the bills are looked at in the legislative session 2015, our recommendation is to have provider neutral language.

We were involved with this report and support these recommendations.

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