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Senator Gary A. Lee, Chairman
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Chairman Lee, members of the Budget Section, I am Jenny Witham, Director of Information Technology Services for the Department of Human Services (DHS). I appear before you to provide an update on the status of the Medicaid Systems Project and the Eligibility Systems Modernization Project.

Medicaid Systems Project

The scope of this project is to replace three Medicaid information systems, i.e. the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS), the Pharmacy Point of Sale system, and the Decision Support System. The new system is called ND Health Enterprise MMIS. The implementation date is scheduled for October 5, 2015 and the project team is executing the final cutover activities (see Attachment A).

Over the past four months DHS and Xerox have conducted a series of provider training sessions. In May we held live training sessions in Minot, Bismarck and Fargo. Throughout May and June providers could participate in weekly provider webinars, and in August DHS conducted targeted provider training sessions based on provider type and specialty.

In addition to the provider training, DHS has executed extensive provider communication and outreach through the DHS website, direct mailings, and participation in provider workgroups and association meetings. Attached are a few of the fact sheets from the DHS website and the September Health Enterprise Bulletin.

The federal compliance date for ICD-10 is October 1, 2015. All providers and payers will need to be able to submit and accept ICD-10 compliant transactions. The ND Health Enterprise MMIS is fully compliant and DHS will be processing claims with an October 1, 2015 or later date of service under the new ICD-10 code set.

If you have any questions, I would be happy to address them at this time.