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## HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 4, 2021  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Comments by the Chairman  
Review of the [Supplementary Rules of Operation and Procedure of the North Dakota Legislative Management](#)

### PRESCRIPTION DRUG STUDY

9:10 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [background memorandum](#) on the prescription drug study

9:15 a.m. Status [report](#) by Mr. John Arnold, Deputy Commissioner, Insurance Department, and Mr. Mark J. Hardy, Executive Director, State Board of Pharmacy, on the implementation of House Bill No. 1032 (2021), regarding prescription drug cost transparency

9:40 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Shabbir Safdar, Executive Director, Partnership for Safe Medicines, regarding issues related to drug importation

9:55 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Hardy regarding an overview of the prescription drug system

10:10 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Sharon Lamberton, PhRMA, regarding an overview of the prescription drug system and the role pharmaceutical companies play in drug pricing

10:30 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Michelle Mack, Director of State Affairs, PCMA, and Mr. Alex Sommer, Principal Government Affairs Lobbyist, Prime Therapeutics, regarding the prescription drug system and the role pharmacy benefit managers play in drug pricing

10:50 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Mike Schwab, Executive Vice President, North Dakota Pharmacists Association, regarding the prescription drug system and the role pharmacists play in drug pricing

11:10 a.m. [Comments](#) by interested persons  
Committee discussion and directives

### HEALTH INSURANCE NETWORK STUDY

11:20 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [background memorandum](#) on the health insurance network study

11:30 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Arnold regarding an overview of the types of health insurance options available in the state

12:00 noon Recess

1:00 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Al Berg, North Risk Partners, regarding health insurance sales and marketing as they relate to narrow network plans

1:15 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Dr. Duncan Ackerman regarding the health insurance network study

1:30 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Dylan Wheeler, Senior Legislative Affairs Specialist, Sanford Health Plan, regarding Sanford Health Plan's integrated delivery model for its health maintenance organization plans

1:45 p.m. [Comments](#) by interested persons  
Committee discussion and directives

### **TELEHEALTH STUDY**

1:55 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [background memorandum](#) on the telehealth study

2:05 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Johnny Palsgraaf regarding telehealth in the state and recent telehealth legislation

2:25 p.m. [Presentations](#) by North Dakota health insurance carriers regarding the use of telehealth

2:45 p.m. [Presentation](#) by health care providers regarding the use of telehealth in the state

3:05 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Andrew Askew, Vice President of Public Policy, Essentia Health, regarding the use of telehealth in the state

3:15 p.m. Comments by interested persons  
Committee discussion and directives

### **COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER STUDY**

3:25 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [background memorandum](#) on the community health worker study

3:35 p.m. [Presentation](#) by tribal representatives on the role of community health representatives in tribal communities

4:05 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Wendy Schmidt, Learning and Development Senior Specialist, and Mr. Richard Preussler, Patient and Community Education Director of Learning and Development, Sanford Health, regarding the use of community health workers

4:25 p.m. Comments by interested persons  
Committee discussion and directives

4:35 p.m. Adjourn

**A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <https://video.legis.nd.gov>.**

### **Committee Members**

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