

August 12, 2002

## MEETING NOTICE

Senator Judy Lee, Chairman, has called a meeting of the **BUDGET COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE**.

**Date:** Tuesday, September 24, 2002

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

**Place:** Roughrider Room, State Capitol, Bismarck

**Agenda:** Presentations by representatives of Milliman USA regarding the analysis of existing health insurance mandates and proposed analysis of future legislative mandates; by representatives of the Insurance Department relating to a cost-benefit evaluation of existing health insurance mandates and the benefits of reducing the need for future health care services through early identification and treatment; by representatives of Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota relating to the coverage included in the company's "basic" and "standard" coverage insurance policies and average premium rates; by the Legislative Council staff of bill drafts relating to health insurance coverage mandates; by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding enrollments in Medicaid as a result of the elimination of the asset test, the number of children who may become eligible for Healthy Steps if eligibility criteria are changed, enrollment statistics and costs for the Healthy Steps program, the number of persons eligible for Medicaid drug coverage, the status of the department's Medicaid budget, and proposals before Congress regarding prescription drug programs; and other presentations, including a presentation by representatives of the Board of Nursing regarding its nursing needs study, by representatives of the Insurance Department regarding motor vehicle insurance independent medical examinations, and by the Legislative Council staff on prescription drug plans in other states

**Special Note:** Anyone who plans to attend the meeting and needs assistance because of a disability should contact the Legislative Council staff as soon as possible.

**Committee Members:** Senators Judy Lee, Dennis Bercier, Gary A. Lee, Michael Polovitz, Ken Solberg, Russell T. Thane; Representatives Rick Berg, Audrey B. Cleary, William R. Devlin, David Drovdal, Jim Kasper, George Keiser, Carol A. Niemeier, Kenton Onstad, Chet Pollert, Todd Porter, Clara Sue Price, Robin Weisz

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Any member who is unable to attend this meeting is asked to please notify this office as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

John D. Olsrud  
Director

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