

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 23-24, 2001
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

Tuesday, October 23, 2001

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of minutes of the August 22, 2001, meeting

MANDATED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE STUDY

9:05 a.m. Presentations by a representative of the Insurance Department regarding:

- The department's progress evaluating existing health insurance mandates and identifying private entities to be considered by the committee for contract services relating to cost-benefit analyses of future legislative measures
- The number of North Dakotans insured under group, individual, and employer-sponsored self-insurance plans
- Loss ratios, premiums collected, and claims paid for all health insurers in the state
- The definition of "health insurance mandate" and a list of North Dakota mandates, indicating whether the mandate is a result of state or federal law and the year each mandate was enacted
- The number and demographic characteristics of North Dakotans covered under various health insurance mandates
- Insurance mandates in the following categories:
 - Student and dependent coverage
 - Coverage for specific providers or practitioners
 - Coverage for specific services

10:00 a.m. Presentation by a representative of Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota on the number of employer-sponsored group health insurance policies and the number of individual health insurance policies issued by Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota and comments regarding the mandated health insurance coverage study

10:30 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Mental Health Association in North Dakota of information on national studies regarding the effectiveness of alternative treatments for mental illness

10:40 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum on health insurance coverage mandates in other states

10:50 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum on actions in other states to limit the enactment of new health insurance coverage mandates

11:00 a.m. Comments by interested persons

11:30 a.m. Committee discussion and staff directives

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

COORDINATION OF MEDICAID AND HEALTHY STEPS PROGRAMS STUDY

- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding:
- The status of the development of a combined application form for the Medicaid and Healthy Steps programs
 - The status of a federal waiver to allow the Healthy Steps program to include family health insurance provided through employer-sponsored insurance policies
 - Annual enrollment statistics and costs for the Healthy Steps program, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 50-29-02
- 2:20 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum on county or state administration of children's health insurance programs in other states
- 2:30 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum on actions taken by other states to develop a combined application form for Medicaid and the state children's health insurance program and to eliminate the Medicaid asset test
- 2:40 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum on actions taken by other states to expand the state children's health insurance program to include subsidies for family health insurance provided through employer-sponsored insurance policies
- 2:50 p.m. Comments by interested persons
- 3:10 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives

COORDINATION OF BENEFITS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS STUDY

- 3:30 p.m. Presentation by a representative of Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota on the status of the task force on augmentative communication devices
- 3:40 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Public Instruction on interagency cooperative agreements entered into by the department for the coordination of benefits and services for children with special needs, including information on the children served, the types of services and benefits provided, and areas where additional coordination or services are needed
- 3:50 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services on interagency cooperative agreements entered into by the department for the coordination of benefits and services for children with special needs, including information on the children served, the types of services and benefits provided, and areas where additional coordination or services are needed
- 4:00 p.m. Comments by interested persons
- 4:15 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 4:30 p.m. Recess

Wednesday, October 24, 2001

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES STUDY

- 9:00 a.m. Presentation by a representative of Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota regarding:
- The 10 top selling drugs in North Dakota, including information on utilization, the date introduced, and the market share for each drug
 - Payments made by Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota for the treatment of illnesses in the 10 most common diagnostic categories in 1990 and 2000

- 9:15 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding:
- Trends in Medicaid expenditures for health care services
 - Trends in utilization of health care services and drugs by North Dakota Medicaid recipients
 - Medicaid payments for the treatment of illnesses in the 10 most common diagnostic categories in 1990 and 2000
- 9:30 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Chris Ward and Dr. Tony Lorden, representatives of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, regarding:
- The pharmaceutical industry in the United States and Canada, including issues such as pricing, patent protection, and utilization
 - Drug price controls and the Canadian health care system
- 11:30 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum on future Medicaid drug costs and projected demographic changes in North Dakota
- 11:40 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum on price differences for certain brand name drugs in Canada, Mexico, and the United States
- 11:50 a.m. Comments by interested persons
- 12:10 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 12:30 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Senators Judy Lee (Chairman), 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