



HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 16, 2021
Room 327B, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the August 4, 2021, meeting](#)

MEDICATION OPTIMIZATION STUDY

- 9:05 a.m. [Presentation](#) by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum on the medication optimization study
- 9:20 a.m. Presentation by Mr. John Arnold, Deputy Commissioner, Insurance Department, on the status of the Insurance Department's study of medication optimization
- 9:30 a.m. [Presentations](#) by Mr. Mike Schwab, Executive Vice President, North Dakota Pharmacists Association, and by a pharmacist regarding medication optimization programs and an update on recent pharmacy benefits manager litigation
- 10:00 a.m. [Presentations](#) by health insurance carriers relating to medication optimization programs
- 10:20 a.m. Break
- 10:35 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. John Savageau, Pharmacy Director, Sanford Health Bismarck, and Mr. Monte Roemmich, Pharmacy Manager, Sanford Health Fargo, relating to medication optimization in the clinical setting
- 10:55 a.m. Comments by interested persons
- 11:05 a.m. Committee discussion and directives

PRESCRIPTION DRUG STUDY

- 11:15 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Brendan Joyce, Administrator of Pharmacy Services, Department of Human Services, regarding medical assistance pharmacy services
- 11:40 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the National Academy for State Health Policy regarding state-administered pharmacy benefits management plans
- 11:55 a.m. Recess
- 1:00 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Benjamin Link, Vice President of Pharmacy, 3 Axis Advisors, regarding the Ohio experience in establishing a single pharmacy benefits manager for state health benefit plans
- 1:30 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Scott Miller, Executive Director, Public Employees Retirement System, relating to the transition of Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage from Express Scripts to Humana
- 2:00 p.m. Break
- 2:15 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of Humana relating to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) transition

- 2:30 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Gary Boehler, Pharmacist Consultant, Dakota Drug, Inc., relating to the PERS transition
- 2:55 p.m. Comments by interested persons
- 3:15 p.m. Committee discussion and directives
- 3:30 p.m. Adjourn

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

Committee Members

Representatives: Robin Weisz (Chairman), Pamela Anderson, Mike Beltz, Ruth Buffalo, Gretchen Dobervich, Clayton Fegley, Zachary Ista, Jim Kasper, George Keiser, Lisa Meier, Marvin E. Nelson, Bob Paulson, Karen M. Rohr, Greg Westlind

Senators: Howard C. Anderson Jr., Tim Mathern, Dave Oehlke, Kristin Roers

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