

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

**BUDGET COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE**

Tuesday, September 24, 2002  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of minutes of the previous meeting

**MANDATED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE STUDY**

9:05 a.m. Presentation by representatives of Milliman USA of the analysis of existing health insurance mandates and the proposed analysis of future legislative measures, including an explanation of the information considered in the analysis process

10:15 a.m. Comments by representatives of the Insurance Department relating to the 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 programs as required by Section 2 of 2001 House Bill No. 1407

10:30 a.m. Comments by interested persons

10:45 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a summary of the provisions of House Bill No. 1407 and related committee responsibilities

10:50 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of bill drafts to provide that any:

- Health insurance coverage mandate approved by the Legislative Assembly shall apply only to the state public employees group health insurance program for a period of two years, after which time a report on the mandate's actual costs and benefits will be prepared for consideration by the Legislative Assembly in determining if the mandate should be applied to other health insurance programs
- Health insurance coverage mandate approved by the Legislative Assembly must have a delayed implementation date
- Health insurance coverage mandate approved by the Legislative Assembly must include an expiration date

11:00 a.m. Presentation by representatives of Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota relating to the coverage included in the company's "basic" and "standard" coverage insurance policy and average premium rates for single and family policies

11:15 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the proposed bill drafts

11:45 a.m. Committee discussion and recommendations regarding the review of new legislative measures mandating health insurance coverage

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

**COORDINATION OF MEDICAID AND HEALTHY STEPS PROGRAMS STUDY**

1:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding:

- The number of children who have been enrolled in Medicaid as a result of the elimination of the asset test and the number of those children who did not previously have insurance coverage

- The number of people who may become eligible for coverage under the Healthy Steps program if income eligibility criteria were increased to 150 percent, 175 percent, and 200 percent of the federal poverty level (based on net income), monthly income amounts associated with each eligibility level, and the fiscal impact of alternative eligibility levels
- A report on enrollment statistics and costs for the Healthy Steps program, as required by North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 50-29-02

1:30 p.m. Comments by interested persons

1:45 p.m. Committee discussion and recommendations regarding the coordination of Medicaid and Healthy Steps programs study

### **PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES STUDY**

2:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding:

- The number of persons eligible for Medicaid drug coverage, including utilization information, demographic information, and reasons why the number of Medicaid-eligible persons is increasing
- The status of the department's Medicaid budget, including the prescription drug component
- Proposals before Congress regarding prescription drug programs

2:30 p.m. An update by the Legislative Council staff of prescription drug plans in other states

2:45 p.m. Comments by interested persons

3:00 p.m. Committee discussion and recommendations regarding the study of prescription drug prices

### **OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES**

3:15 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Board of Nursing regarding its nursing needs study (NDCC Section 43-12.1-08.2)

3:40 p.m. Comments by interested persons

3:45 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Insurance Department on its report regarding motor vehicle insurance independent medical examinations

4:10 p.m. Comments by interested persons

4:15 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives

5:00 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