

October 4, 2001

## MEETING NOTICE

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

**Date:** Tuesday and Wednesday, October 23-24, 2001

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

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

**Agenda:** Presentations by representatives of the Insurance Department regarding health insurance mandates and health insurance policies issued in North Dakota; Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota regarding health insurance policies issued in North Dakota, health insurance mandates, drug utilization, payments for health care services, and the work of a task force on augmentative communication devices; the Department of Human Services regarding Medicaid expenditures, trends in utilization of health care services and drugs, the development of a combined application form for Medicaid and Healthy Steps, the status of a federal waiver to allow the Healthy Steps program to include family health insurance coverage, enrollment statistics for the Healthy Steps program, and cooperative agreements relating to services for children with special needs; the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America regarding the pharmaceutical industry, drug pricing, price controls, and the Canadian health care system; the Department of Public Instruction regarding cooperative agreements relating to services for children with special needs; the Mental Health Association in North Dakota; the County Social Services Directors Association; and the Legislative Council staff regarding committee study responsibilities

**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

**Staff Contacts:** Jim W. Smith, Legislative Budget Analyst and Auditor  
Joe R. Morrissette, Senior Fiscal Analyst

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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