

AGENCY BUDGETS FOR ANALYSES OF HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATES

Pursuant to North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 54-03-28, any legislative measure mandating health insurance coverage may not be acted on by any committee of the Legislative Assembly unless accompanied by a cost-benefit analysis. Prior to each legislative session, the Legislative Council is to contract with a private entity to perform the cost-benefit analyses services. The Insurance Commissioner is to pay the costs of all contracted services.

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

The Insurance Commissioner budgets an amount each biennium from the insurance regulatory trust fund for the purpose of paying for cost-benefit analyses. The following table summarizes the amount budgeted biennially for analyses of health insurance mandates and the actual amounts spent:

Biennium	Amount Budgeted	Actual Amount Spent
2003-05	\$55,000	\$13,929
2005-07	\$55,000	\$0
2007-09	\$55,000	N/A
2009-11 ¹	\$10,000	N/A

¹Amount anticipated to be included in the budget request.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM BUDGET

The Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) does not include funds in its budget for analyses of legislative measures that mandate health insurance. Through the 2007 legislative session, health insurance mandates affecting PERS have been analyzed by PERS staff and have not required additional funding. If a future analysis requires the use of outside resources, NDCC Section 54-52.1-06.1 provides a continuing appropriation from insurance premiums for the payment of consulting fees related to the uniform group insurance program. The Public Employees Retirement System currently uses consulting services for rate renewal analysis, plan design, actuarial advice, contract negotiations, program proposal evaluation, benefit design, and technical advice.