

**Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2017**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1403

(Representatives Kasper, Rick C. Becker, Boehning, Headland, Keiser, Louser, Nathe, D. Ruby)  
(Senators Anderson, Bekkedahl, Casper, O. Larsen)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to public employee health benefits transparency.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Health insurance benefits coverage - Prescription drug coverage - Transparency - Audits - Confidentiality.**

1. If the prescription drug coverage component of a health insurance benefits coverage contract received in response to a request for bids under section 54-52.1-04 utilizes the services of a pharmacy benefits manager, either contracted directly with a pharmacy benefits manager or indirectly through the health insurer, in addition to the factors set forth under section 54-52.1-04 the board shall consider and give preference to an insurer's contract that:
  - a. Provides the board or the board's auditor with a copy of the insurer's current contract with the pharmacy benefits management company which controls the prescriptions drug coverage offered as part of the health insurance benefits coverage, and if the contract is revised or a new contract is entered, requires the insurer to provide the board with the revision or new contract within thirty days of the change.
  - b. Provides the board with monthly claims data and information on all programs being implemented or modified, including prior authorization, step therapy, mandatory use of generic drugs, or quantity limits.
  - c. Describes the extent to which the board may customize the benefit plan design, including copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, and out-of-pocket limits; the drugs that are covered; the formulary; and the member programs implemented.
  - d. Describes the audit rights of the board.
2. The board may conduct annual audits to the extent permitted under the contract terms agreed to under subsection 1. The audits must include:
  - a. A review of a complete set of electronic prescription coverage claims data reflecting all submitted claims, including information fields identified by the board.
  - b. A review of a list of all programs that have been implemented or modified during the audit period under subsection 1, and in connection with each program the auditor shall report on the cost, the cost savings or avoidance, member disruption, the process for and number of overrides or approvals and disapprovals, and clinical outcomes.
  - c. Recommendations for proposed changes to the prescription drug benefit programs to decrease costs and improve plan beneficiaries' health care treatment.
3. Information provided to the board under the contract provisions required under this section are confidential; however, the board may disclose the information to retained experts and the information retains its confidential status in the possession of these experts.

4. The board may retain an auditor of the board's choice which is not a competitor of the pharmacy benefits manager; a pharmaceutical manufacturer representative; or any retail, mail, or specialty drug pharmacy representative or vendor.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1403.

House Vote:    Yeas 91            Nays 0            Absent 3

Senate Vote:    Yeas 37            Nays 10           Absent 0

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State