



HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 30, 2024
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the November 1, 2023, meeting](#)
Comments by the Chairman

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION STUDY

9:05 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Margaret Reynolds, Senior Director, State Government Affairs Principal, Cigna Healthcare, relating to prescriptions and the committee's study of prior authorizations in health benefit plans

9:25 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative from Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota, relating to the committee's study of prior authorizations in health benefit plans

9:45 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Karlee Tebbutt, Regional Director of State Affairs, America's Health Insurance Plans, relating to the role of insurance providers and the committee's study of prior authorizations in health benefit plans

10:05 a.m. Break

10:20 a.m. [Presentation](#) by [Dr. Nicholas Bradbury](#), M.D., Physician, CHI St. Alexius Health, [Dr. J'Patrick Fahn](#), D.O., Physician, CHI St. Alexius Health, and [Dr. Duncan Ackerman](#), M.D., Physician, The Bone and Joint Center, relating to the committee's study of prior authorizations in health benefit plans

VALUE-BASED CARE STUDY - RURAL HEALTH

10:50 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Brad Gibbens, MPA, Acting Director, Center for Rural Health, and Assistant Professor, University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences, relating to rural health care in North Dakota

11:10 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Dr. Clint MacKinney, Clinical Associate Professor, College of Public Health, and Mr. Keith Mueller, Director, Rural Policy Research Institute, University of Iowa, relating to value-based care and payments in North Dakota and the United States

11:45 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Alfred Sams, President, Rough Rider High Value Network, regarding an update on the Rough Rider High Value Network

12:00 noon Recess

CONTRACT NURSING STUDY

1:00 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Nikki Wegner, President, North Dakota Long Term Care Association, relating to minimum standards for businesses to provide contract nursing

1:20 p.m. Presentation by Ms. Wendi Johnston, Staffing Manager, DTN Staffing, relating to experiences providing care and minimum standards for businesses to provide contract nursing

1:40 p.m. Comments by interested persons

ESSENTIAL HEALTH BENEFITS

- 1:50 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Jon Godfread, Insurance Commissioner, relating to updates to [essential health benefits](#) and the [Reinsurance Association of North Dakota](#)
- 2:50 p.m. Comments by interested persons
- 3:05 p.m. Committee discussion
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn

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

Committee Members

Senators: Kyle Davison (Chairman), Sean Cleary, Tim Mathern, Kristin Roers

Representatives: Gretchen Dobervich, Clayton Fegley, LaurieBeth Hager, Dawson Holle, Carrie McLeod, Jon O. Nelson, Emily O'Brien, Karen M. Rohr, Mary Schneider, Greg Stemen, Michelle Strinden, Robin Weisz

Staff Contact: Dustin A. Richard, Counsel