

HOUSE BILL NO. 1403

Introduced by

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Senators Anderson, Bekkedahl, Casper, O. Larsen

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to public employee health benefits transparency.

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

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

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

8 1. If the prescription drug coverage component of the health insurance benefits coverage
9 utilizes the services of a pharmacy benefits manager, the insurer's contract with the
10 board must include the following terms:

11 a. The insurer shall provide the board with a copy of the insurer's current contract
12 with the pharmacy benefit management company and if the contract is revised or
13 a new contract is entered, within thirty days of the change the insurer shall
14 provide the board with the revision or new contract.

15 b. The health insurer or pharmacy benefit manager shall provide with each invoice
16 statement and for each annual audit a complete set of electronic prescription
17 coverage claims data reflecting all submitted claims, including information fields
18 identified by the board.

19 c. The health insurer shall provide the board a list of all programs that will be
20 implemented, including prior authorization programs, step therapy programs,
21 quality limit programs, and mandatory generic programs. The list must include the
22 drugs in each program and the specifics about each drug.

- 1 d. (1) The board may retain an auditor of the board's choice which is not a
2 competitor of the pharmacy benefit manager, a pharmaceutical
3 manufacturer representative, or any retail, mail, or specialty drug pharmacy
4 representative or vendor.
- 5 (2) The board may conduct annual audits to verify the pharmacy benefit
6 manager is satisfying the terms of its contract with the health insurer;
7 assess the costs resulting from the health insurer's contract with the
8 pharmacy benefit manager and make recommendations as to amendments
9 in that contract which would decrease costs; and assess the programs
10 being implemented and make recommendations as to improvements in
11 those programs which would decrease cost or improve plan beneficiaries'
12 health care treatment.
- 13 2. Information provided to the board under the contract provisions required under this
14 section are confidential; however, the board may disclose the information to retained
15 experts and the information retains its confidential status in the possession of these
16 experts.