

**BEFORE THE
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES COMMITTEE
OF THE
NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**Request for an Extension for)
Administrative Rules governing)
Payments to Licensed Community)
Paramedics, Advanced Emergency)
Medical Technicians, and)
Emergency Medical Technicians)
for Health-Related Services)**

**DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES**

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Chairman Devlin and members of the committee, my name is Julie Leer and I am an attorney with the Department of Human Services' Legal Advisory Unit. I am here today to request an extension to adopt administrative rules governing payments to licensed community paramedics, advanced emergency medical technicians, and emergency medical technicians for health-related services, as required by 2015 Senate Bill No. 2043. Generally, rules for legislation with an August first effective date should be adopted by May first of the following calendar year. To adopt rules as required under 2015 Senate Bill No. 2043, the Department will need to convene stakeholders, research what other state Medicaid programs are covering, secure input and direction from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and analyze any impact to the Department's Health Enterprise Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS). With the implementation of MMIS scheduled for October 5, 2015, the staff needed to draft the rules and to develop the program resulting from the rules are dedicated to the system implementation and post-implementation efforts. Additionally, any impact to Health Enterprise MMIS could not be addressed until after implementation. If the extension is granted, the Department intends to adopt rules by January 1, 2017.

I would be happy to try and answer any questions that you may have.
Thank you.

Prepared by:

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