

**Department of Human Services**  
**Information Technology Committee**  
**Representative Corey Mock, Chairman**  
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Chairman Mock, members of the Information Technology Committee, I am Tom Solberg, Deputy Director for the Department of Human Services (Department). I appear before you to provide a status update on the Eligibility Systems Modernization Project.

The first phase of the project went live on February 8, 2016, and included the implementation of Medicaid/Children's Health Insurance Program eligibility determination for individuals under the Affordable Care Act. With this implementation, the Department provides a self-service portal for the public to apply for health benefits and an eligibility portal for county workers to determine eligibility; provides notices to applicants; interfaces with the Federally-Facilitated Marketplace; and transfers authorized clients to the North Dakota Medicaid Management Information System for enrollment.

The second phase of the project includes Medicaid eligibility determination for individuals who are aged, blind, or disabled; along eligibility determination for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; and the Child Care Assistance Program. The Department is currently working with the vendor on an extension for the implementation of the second phase. The extension is necessary to allow for the identification and analysis of change requests to ensure correct determination of eligibility and benefits for these complex programs. The project team is in the process of

working on an amendment to the contract along with an update to the project schedule and budget.

The rollout of the second phase will streamline the application process for these programs; allow applicants and recipients to check eligibility and report changes online; and also combine the eligibility determination from four systems into one for county eligibility workers.

**Project Costs**

	Phase 1 Actual	Phase 2 Budget	Phase 2 Extension Estimate
Total	\$49,842,739	\$77,167,542	\$25,000,000
Federal	\$38,989,872	\$61,249,414	\$20,000,000
General	\$10,703,713	\$15,918,128	\$5,000,000
Other	\$149,154		

This concludes my testimony and I'll answer any questions you may have.