

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

**Request for an Extension for )  
Administrative Rules governing )  
Ratesetting for Nursing Home )  
Care and Ratesetting for Basic )  
Care Facilities )  
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**DEPARTMENT OF  
HUMAN SERVICES**

**March 14, 2016**

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Chairman Devlin and members of the committee, my name is Jonathan Alm 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 ratesetting for nursing home care and ratesetting for basic care facilities, as required by 2015 House Bill Nos. 1234, 1277, 1353, and 1359. Generally, rules for legislation with an August first effective date should be adopted by May first of the following calendar year. The Department has completed the entire rulemaking project with the exception of filing the necessary documents with Legislative Council by February 1, 2016, due to the budget allotment process. The Department, in order to comply with budget allotment process, was carefully reviewing the ratesetting for nursing homes and basic care facilities along with all programs and services. The Department's allotment includes changes made by House Bill No. 1359; however, the Department must continue to establish and administer House Bill Nos. 1234, 1277, and 1353 changes. If the extension is granted, the Department intends to adopt rules by July 1, 2016, in response to House Bill Nos. 1234, 1277, and 1353.

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

Thank you.

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