

**Department of Human Services
Interim Human Services Committee
Representative Kathy Hogan, Chairman
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Chairman Hogan and members of the Human Services Committee, I am Maggie Anderson, Director of the Medical Services Division for the Department of Human Services (Department). I appear today to provide Department information on refugee resettlement.

Refugees utilizing Department economic assistance programs

- Applicants are required to provide documentation of their alien status at the time of application. Their status is verified through the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) system through Immigration and Naturalization Services.
- The Department’s information management systems do not capture citizenship or refugee status for the Child Care Assistance Program and Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.
- Medicaid data does not include Medicaid Expansion data.
- The information is reported at a regional level to prevent overt identification of clients.

TRADITIONAL MEDICAID

	SFY 2015	SFY 2016	SFY 2017
Clients - Statewide	2,684	2,630	2,983
Total Paid	\$11,991,012	\$11,849,449	\$14,419,630
Northwest Region	\$30,305	\$25,314	\$12,151
North Central Region	\$26,259	\$27,085	\$40,638
Lake Region	\$0	\$0	\$0
Northeast Region	\$2,184,196	\$1,937,321	\$1,734,163
Southeast Region	\$9,311,631	\$9,464,746	\$11,770,638
South Central Region	\$75,298	\$90,487	\$58,419
West Central Region	\$339,693	\$295,744	\$791,390
Badlands Region	\$23,630	\$8,751	\$12,231

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

	SFY 2015	SFY 2016	SFY 2017
Unduplicated cases statewide	1,924	1,999	1,991
Unduplicated clients statewide	4,275	4,354	4,295
Total Paid	\$5,552,366	\$5,690,768	\$5,630,104
Northwest Region	\$28,028	\$15,939	\$22,777
North Central Region	\$15,855	\$15,937	\$7,505
Lake Region	\$0	\$0	\$0
Northeast Region	\$967,999	\$998,404	\$869,730
Southeast Region	\$4,315,593	\$4,436,046	\$4,495,250
South Central Region	\$87,839	\$82,876	\$61,954
West Central Region	\$133,641	\$134,213	\$161,516
Badlands Region	\$3,411	\$7,353	\$11,372

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE for NEEDY FAMILIES

	SFY 2015	SFY 2016	SFY 2017
Unduplicated cases statewide	148	128	118
Unduplicated clients statewide	355	299	260
Total Paid	\$284,789	\$254,596	\$200,327
Northwest Region	\$0	\$0	\$0
North Central Region	\$3,441	\$1,992	\$2,182
Lake Region	\$0	\$0	\$0
Northeast Region	\$34,888	\$45,207	\$37,110
Southeast Region	\$237,415	\$203,836	\$150,618
South Central Region	\$3,321	\$2,011	\$0
West Central Region	\$5,724	\$1,550	\$8,417
Badlands Region	\$0	\$0	\$1,530

Dental care available through refugee resettlement programs

Clients in the Unaccompanied Refugee Minor and Refugee Medical Assistance programs receive dental care comparable to Medicaid. Refugees who are eligible for Traditional Medicaid have access to dental services. Dental services available through Traditional Medicaid include exams, X-rays, cleaning, fillings, surgery, extractions, crowns, root canals, dentures (partial and full) and anesthesia. Medicaid Expansion only covers routine dental services for 19 and 20-year-olds.

Unaccompanied Refugee Minor program (URM)

The URM program ensures that eligible unaccompanied minors receive the full range of assistance, care and services available to all foster children in the state by establishing a legal authority to act in place of the child's unavailable parent(s). The program encourages reunification of children with their parents or other appropriate adult relatives. If reunification is not possible, the program works to design a case-specific permanency plan for each minor or youth in care. Through its network of caretakers, the URM helps unaccompanied refugee minors develop appropriate skills to enter adulthood and to achieve social self-sufficiency. When an unaccompanied refugee minor arrives in North Dakota, Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota (LSS/ND) obtains guardianship of the child and places the child in a foster home that is licensed by the Department.

	Youths Served	Paid to LSS/ND for administrative expenses	Direct payments to support youth*
FFY 2015:	72	\$ 627,285	\$ 1,130,996
FFY 2016:	75	\$741,019	\$ 1,117,146
FFY 2017 thru June 2017:	76	\$ 527,003	\$ 1,311,396

**includes maintenance payments to the URM foster homes, funds for extraordinary clothing needs, independent living preparation programming, education and training vouchers, and discretionary/emergency funding*

Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA)

Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) is a 100 percent federally funded program covering medical expenses for unaccompanied minors and other legally admitted refugees. RMA is available during the first eight months a refugee is in the country, or the first eight months an asylee has been granted asylum, or until the age of 21 for an unaccompanied minor. These refugees are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid.

RMA Payment for date for services					
County	SFY 2013	SFY 2014	SFY 2015*	SFY 2016	SFY 2017**
Burleigh	\$ 5,665	\$10,880	\$11,008	\$3,062	\$909
Cass	\$459,196	\$371,333	\$7,469	\$4,977	\$11,454
Grand Forks	\$152,877	\$95,862	\$494	\$1,760	\$565
Stutsman		\$2,250			
Walsh		\$14,744			
Aggregate	\$617,738	\$495,069	\$18,970	\$9,799	\$12,928

** reduction is likely attributed to implementation of Medicaid Expansion; as individuals are checked for Medicaid eligibility, including Expansion, before they are eligible for RMA.*

*** available data is paid through August 2017 (claims run-out may not be complete)*

RMA Recipients*					
	SFY 2013	SFY 2014	SFY 2015	SFY 2016	SFY 2017
Statewide	267	166	33	18	17

** aggregated recipients into statewide category based on small recipient counts to avoid individual identification*

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