

**TESTIMONY BEFORE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
COMMITTEE
MEDICAID SYSTEMS PROJECT UPDATE
NOVEMBER 16, 2007**

Chairman Robinson, members of the Information Technology Committee, I am Jennifer Witham, Director of Information Technology Services for the Department of Human Services (DHS). I appear before you to provide information on the status of the Medicaid Systems Project.

The project is running on schedule in accordance with the Detailed Work Plan and within budget. Current expenditures for the project are \$9,042,960 of the \$62,529,371 budget and reflect payments made through September 30, 2007.

The requirements phase of the project is complete. The effort to date in the 2007-2009 biennium has been focused on Phase II planning, hardware/software configuration and environment setup, and documentation of the North Dakota specific claim edits and audits. Also during this timeframe the Department has finalized the contracts for the Decision Support System and the Independent Verification and Validation. We are now moving into the early stages of detailed system design.

Overview of Budget

Description	Budget	Expended	Remaining
Total Project	\$62,529,371	\$9,042,960	\$53,486,411
General Funds	\$3,643,133	\$29,015	\$3,614,118
Federal Funds	\$55,218,418	\$8,006,348	\$47,212,070
Other Funds	\$3,667,820	\$1,007,597	\$2,660,223

If you have any questions, I would be happy to address them at this time.