

**Department of Human Services
Human Services Committee
Representative Kathy Hogan, Chairman
October 25, 2017**

Chairman Hogan, members of the Human Services Committee, I am Maggie Anderson, Director of the Medical Services Division, for the Department of Human Services (Department). In accordance with NDCC 50-29-02, I appear before you to provide an annual report on the enrollment statistics and costs associated with the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) known in North Dakota as Healthy Steps.

Appropriation and Expenditures for 2017-2019

Healthy Steps Appropriation	Expenditures Thru October 2017	% of Appropriation Used *
\$15,582,977	\$2,326,679	14.93%

* 16.66% (4 months) of biennium expenditures has expired

Enrollment

As of October 2017, there were 1,993 premiums paid for children enrolled in Healthy Steps.

As of October 1, 2013 North Dakota reached the current CHIP Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) minimum of 65% which remained at that level through September 30, 2015. Due to provisions in the Affordable Care Act, the State was eligible for an additional 23% of federal match, which increased the FMAP for CHIP to 88% for Federal Fiscal Year 2016. This enhanced funding (88%) was effective through September 2017, and needed Congressional action to be extended. As everyone is aware, action did not occur by September 30, 2017. At this time, Congress is considering various options for the reauthorization and

funding of CHIP. The Kaiser Family Foundation has prepared a summary of the House and Senate packages. I have attached a copy of the summary to this testimony and it is also available on-line at:

<http://files.kff.org/attachment/Fact-Sheet-Comparison-of-Key-Provisions-in-the-Senate-and-House-CHIP-Bills>

The Department has estimated that the North Dakota CHIP carryover funding will run out in May 2018. If Congress has not taken action on the reauthorization and funding of CHIP by February 1, 2018, the Department will initiate the necessary actions for client notification, tribal consultation, and state plan amendment processes.

This concludes my update, I am happy to answer any questions you may have.