

## **Testimony**

### **Engrossed Senate Bill 2133 – Department of Human Services**

#### **House Human Services Committee**

#### **Representative Robin Weisz, Chairman**

**March 9, 2021**

Chairman Weisz, members of the House Human Services Committee, my name is Krista Fremming, Assistant Director of the Medical Services Division for the Department of Human Services (Department). I am here today in support of Engrossed Senate Bill 2133, which will establish a credentialing system for community emergency medical services personnel. The bill will also expand North Dakota Medicaid coverage for services provided by these practitioners.

The Department supports Engrossed Senate Bill 2133 because:

- Expansion of the roles of community emergency medical services personnel will help address the state's health care workforce shortage; and
- It will facilitate access to care and improved outcomes for high-risk Medicaid members, leading to decreased utilization of services such as emergency departments and overall lower costs of care for members who have access to these services.

This concludes my testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions.