Welcome/Roll Call

2017 GPTrac Telehealth Conference Info
A number of individuals from ND will be attending the conference which takes place April 3-4 in Minneapolis. There is time built in at the conference to ask questions related to Telehealth. Each state will have responders providing information on what works and where the challenges are. Marsha and Maureen will represent ND as responders.

- Telehealth Bill - SB2052
  - Senate Health and Human Services Committee
    - Sponsored the bill. NDPERS spoke in favor of the bill and presented feedback from the Deloitte report to the committee. The report had been circulated previously but if anyone is interested in seeing the report again, please contact Marsha or Maureen. There was no fiscal note attached to the bill. The Nurse Practitioner (NP) Association spoke in favor of the bill. Sanford Health Plan testified as neutral. No one testified in opposition and there were no comments or amendments to it offered. The bill passed the committee with full support, was sent to the floor and passed the Senate and was then referred over to the House Health and Human Services Committee.
  - House Health and Human Services Committee
    - During this committee meeting, the NP Association, AARP and NDPERS spoke in favor of the bill. Neutral testimony was again provided by Sanford Health Plan. There were questions related to ‘parity’ with explanations provided. As it stands currently, ‘parity’ language has been struck out of the bill. The bill will pass back to the Senate Health and Human Services Committee to see if they concur with the changes made in the House. If they do concur, it will go back to the floor to be voted on and if passed sent to the Governor for his signature. If they do not concur, it will go to a conference committee to work through and come to agreement on the changes then will go to both chambers to be voted on.
  - Proposed change to SB2052
    - Section 26.1-36-09.15 Coverage of telehealth services.
      - Reads:
        2. An insurer may not deliver, issue, execute, or renew a policy that provides health benefits coverage unless that policy provides coverage
for health services delivered by means of telehealth, which is the same as the coverage for health services delivered by in-person means.

- In the bill, “Health care facility” means any office or institution at which health services are provided. The term includes hospitals; clinics; ambulatory surgery centers; outpatient care facilities; nursing homes; nursing, basic, long-term, or assisted living facilities; laboratories; and offices of any health care provider.
- Marsha offered up her comments/letter that she sent to Legislators. If anyone would like this, please contact her.

- CMS Letter
  - CMS_LTR_Telehealth Work Group_Medicare changes_signed.pdf

- ND Legislative Update

- Other Business
  - ND HIMSS Spring Conference
    - April 12th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fargo. Additional information is available at http://nd.himsschapter.org/event/nd-himss-spring-2017-conference

**NEXT MEETING:** April 17, 2017 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM (CST)