

THIRD MEETING

HEALTH CARE ACCESS COMMISSION

MINUTES

Senator Linda Berglin, called the third meeting of the Health Care Access Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, in Room 15 of the State Capitol, St. Paul Minnesota.

The secretary noted the roll.

Members Present:

Sen. Berglin, Co-Chair
Sen. Koering
Sen. Lourey
Sen. Rosen

Rep. Huntley, Co-Chair
Rep. Abeler
Rep. Loeffler
Rep. Thissen

Members Absent:

Sen. Marty
Rep. Gottwalt

Other Members Present:

Sen. Erickson Ropes
Sen. Lynch
Sen. M. Olson
Rep. B. Anderson
Rep. Bunn
Rep. Liebling
Rep. Murphy
Rep. Norton
Rep. Tschumper

A quorum was present.

The first item on the agenda was an overview of ERISA. The following person presented:

Keith J. Halleland, Attorney, Halleland, Lewis, Nilan and Johnson Law Firm, Minneapolis, MN.

The committee then heard a presentation on the following Health Care Bills which were introduced during the 2007 Legislative Session.

Senator Neuville, chief author of S.F. 237/H.F. 474, explained the bill:

S.F. 237 (NEUVILLE) H.F. 474 (BROD): A bill for an act relating to health; developing a statewide plan for the redesign of the health care system.

Representative Huntley, chief author of H.F. 1856/S.F. 1689, explained the bill:

H.F. 1856 (HUNTLEY) S.F. 1689 (PRETTNER SOLON): A bill for an act relating to health; providing for universal health care coverage; requiring guaranteed issue of minimum coverage by all health plans; requiring individuals to have minimum health coverage; establishing the MN Health Care Access Portal; extending dependent coverage of non-students to age 25; creating an income tax credit for health care costs; allowing deductions for health insurance premiums, eliminating the MnCARE four month uninsured requirement; authorizing medical home demonstration projects; promoting the adoption of electronic health information systems; establishing prevention and public health programs, requiring studies; appropriating money.

Representative Thissen, chief author of H.F. 1/S.F. 15, explained the bill:

H.F. 1 (THISSEN) S.F. 15 (PRETTNER SOLON): A bill for an act relating to human services; creating a children's healthy security account; establishing the children's health security program; specifying eligibility criteria; covered services, and administrative procedures; requiring reports; appropriating money.

The last bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2324/H.F. 2522, authored by Representative Tschumper and Senator Marty. In the absence of Sen. Marty and Rep. Tschumper, the following persons explained the bill:

1. Eileen Weber, 10623 Nyber Ave., Hastings, MN 55033.
2. Dr. Mark Liebow, 1018 Hickory Lane S.W., Rochester, MN 55902.

S.F. 2324 (MARTY) H.F. 2522 (TSCHUMPER): A bill for an act relating to health; guaranteeing that all necessary health care is available and affordable for every Minnesotan; establishing the Minnesota health care plan; requiring a report; appropriating money.

The last items on the agenda were presentations from the following persons:

1. Diane Mayberry, Director, Program Development Community, Measurement Project. Presentation: Outcome Measurement and Reporting System/Pay for Performance Program.
2. Scott Leitz, Assistant Commissioner, MN Department of Health. Presentation: QCare: Quality Care and Rewarding Excellence.
3. Vicki Kunnerth, Director, Performance Measurement and Quality Improvement in Health Care, Department of Human Services. Presentation: Department of Human Services Families and Children Contract, Managed Care Financial Incentives, Manage Care Withhold and Performance Incentives.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 P.M.