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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The past year has been a time of much change for me. In September 2018, I was honored to accept the position of President of the North Dakota Hospital Association. Just a few months later, the 2019 legislative session started and we were off and running to advance NDHA's top priorities of

Medicaid Expansion reauthorization, Medicaid reimbursement, workforce, and behavioral health.

NDHA had a great session thanks to the collective efforts of our members and staff. The NDHA Legislative Committee was crucial in preparing us, focusing our policy agenda, and guiding our advocacy during session. I am very proud to share some of our key accomplishments over the past year.

- Medicaid Expansion was reauthorized for another two years.
 - \$635 million value
- Medicaid inflationary increases of 2% in July 2019 and 2.5% in July 2020.
 - Increase of \$12 million for hospitals/physicians
- Defeated an effort to reduce Medicaid Expansion rates to traditional Medicaid rates.
 - A reimbursement savings of \$220 million
- Defeated a provider tax amendment.
 - Would have taxed PPS hospitals \$10 million

While our advocacy efforts this past year focused on the legislative session, much work was done with our congressional offices. NDHA focused on preserving the 340B drug program and monitoring surprise billing legislation, drug pricing transparency, and the future of rural healthcare. Also, an item we will continue to watch is the future of the Affordable Care Act.

A goal of NDHA is to have "one voice" for all hospitals within the state. By using this approach, the Association was instrumental in generating over \$635 million in value for its members.

I truly have enjoyed my new role at NDHA this past year. I look forward to collaborating with you to ensure we have strong hospitals that provide access to affordable and high-quality health care. Thank you for being a member of your hospital association. We value your membership!

If you have questions, please contact me anytime at tblasl@ndha.org or 701-224-9732.

Tim Blasl

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