



**2023 House Bill 1095**  
**Senate Human Services Committee**  
**Senator Judy Lee, Chairman**  
**March 7, 2023**

Chairman Lee and members of the Senate Human Services Committee, I am Tim Blasl, President of the North Dakota Hospital Association (NDHA). I testify in support of House Bill 1095 and ask that you give the bill a **Do Pass** recommendation.

Hospitals support this bill because comprehensive medication management (CMM) helps ensure that each patient's medications are individually assessed to determine each is appropriate for that patient, effective for the medical condition, safe given other medications the patient may be taking, and able to be taken by the patient as intended.

CMM is designed to be a collaboration among health care providers to optimize patient outcomes. CMM provides better health care in multiple ways. Patients benefit from improved medication-related clinical outcomes and they benefit from the increased individualized attention to medications and impact on their daily lives. Physicians and other care team members benefit when clinical pharmacists apply their pharmacotherapeutic expertise in a collaborative way to help manage complex drug therapies. Physicians can dedicate more time to the diagnostic and treatment selection process, enabling them to be more efficient and spend more time providing medical care. Health plans and other payers benefit when they pay only for medications that are safe, appropriate, and effective. Keeping patients out of the hospital is one of the most important—and most cost-effective—goals of patient-centered care. Providing CMM to complex patients is one way to help accomplish this goal.

For these reasons, we ask that you give the bill a **Do Pass** recommendation. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

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