



2025 HB 1322
House Human Services Committee
Representative Matthew Ruby, Chairman
January 20, 2025

Chairman Ruby and members of the House Human Services Committee, I am Tim Blasl, President of the North Dakota Hospital Association (NDHA). I am here to testify in support of House Bill 1322. I ask that you give this bill a **Do Pass** recommendation.

Hospitals are here today in support of this bill because some hospitals in North Dakota own and operate their own ambulance service. Our association appreciates the work the legislature has done over the years to try and stabilize the ambulance service industry.

When visiting hospitals that provide ambulance services the biggest challenges, I continue to hear are related to funding and workforce. This bill would help stabilize ambulance services by increasing the reimbursement ambulance providers currently receive. It would require the health care insurer to pay the ambulance service provider the lessor of four hundred percent of Medicare or the ambulance provider's billed charges.

We support this bill because it would increase funding for both independent and hospital owned ambulance providers in North Dakota.

In summary, we support the passage of this bill and hope that you give it a **Do Pass** recommendation.

I would be happy to respond to any questions you may have. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Blasl, President
North Dakota Hospital Association