

HEALTH CARE ACCESS COMMISSION

MINUTES

Senator Linda Berglin, called the Health Care Access Commission to order at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 5, 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

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

Members Absent:

Sen. Marty
Sen. Rosen
Rep. Gottwalt

Other Members Present:

Rep. Norton

A quorum was present.

The first item on the agenda was an overview of actions at the Federal Government level that may affect the State of Minnesota. The following person gave a presentation:

Steve Barta, Legislative Coordinator, Department of Human Services

Issues of Concern which will affect Minnesota are:

1. SCHIP (State Children's Health Insurance Program).
2. Medicaid Rehabilitation Services Regulation.
3. Medicaid Targeted Case Management Regulation.
4. Medicaid Cost-based Reimbursement Regulation.
5. Medicaid Graduate Education (GME) Regulations.
6. Medicaid Administrative Costs for Schools.
7. Medicare: Special Needs Plan Reauthorization.

The next presentation given was on the cross subsidies and how uncompensated care affects health care spending. The following person presented:

Dr. Lynn Blewett, University of Minnesota, State Health Access Data Assistance Center (SHADAC).

The last item on the agenda was an overview of underinsured above and below 300% of the federal poverty limit given by:

Julie Sonier, Health Economics Program Director, Minnesota Department of Health.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Rochelle M. Polansky
Legislative Assistant