

EXPECTED NDCCA FLOOR RESOLUTIONS & AMENDMENTS

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2020-XX. Pre-trial Jailed Inmates Health Insurance Coverage. The Social Security Act, Sec. 1905(a)(A) prohibits the use of federal funds and services, such as Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Medicare and Medicaid, for medical care provided to inmates of a public institution. However, federal law does not distinguish between convicted inmates and pre-trial inmates which are the responsibility of the county jail system. Denying federal health benefits to pre-adjudicated inmates results in poorer health outcomes for the inmate and places a significant financial burden on the county. This association supports State and Federal action to allow for federal benefits to continue to those inmates awaiting the outcome of their underlying criminal case.

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2020-XX. Water Resource District Responsibility. We believe legal assessment drains provide crucial drainage relief for North Dakota farmers; provide outlets for ag and tile drainage; and protect local, county, and state road infrastructure from damages due to sustained saturation and uncontrolled drainage. We support the responsibility of water resource districts to construct, maintain, and improve legal assessment drains for the benefit of the agricultural economy in North Dakota; for the benefit of road authorities throughout the state; and for the benefit of North Dakota landowners and taxpayers.

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2019-15. Sewage Treatment Onsite Wastewater Systems. ~~North Dakota Administrative Code outlines standards and requires licensing for the installation of onsite sewage treatment systems, placing responsibility for these standards with the State Board of Plumbing. The Plumbing Board has limited staff and has sought few changes to the standards since 2000, causing their use and enforcement to vary across the state. Improper installation of onsite wastewater systems is a health threat to all of North Dakota's citizens and natural water resources. Over the years a patchwork of regulation has resulted in various standards leading to frustration of regulators, installers and landowners.~~ This Association supports legislation moving responsibility for uniform statewide minimum standards and installer licensing to a single state agency provided with adequate resources to fulfill the responsibilities. Further this Association supports the development and adoption of updated statewide onsite wastewater treatment standards ~~which allow for modification to address local conditions,~~ and for uniform statewide educational requirements for licensed installers. However, this Association believes that responsibility for local licensure and inspections remain with the local public health unit and the fees supporting that activity be retained locally.

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