

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1459

Page 1, line 2, replace "and" with "to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-24.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to medical assistance program management; to provide for a report;"

Page 1, line 3, after "appropriation" insert "; and to declare an emergency"

Page 1, after line 16, insert:

**"SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 50-24.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Medical assistance program management.** The department of human services, with respect to the state medical assistance program, shall:

1. Provide statewide targeted case management services for neonates and the two thousand medical assistance recipients with the highest cost for treatment of chronic diseases. Case management services must focus on those recipients in these groups which will result in the most cost-savings, taking into consideration available resources, and may include a primary pharmacy component for the management of medical assistance recipient medication.
2. Require medical assistance providers to use the appropriate diagnostic or reason and procedure codes when submitting claims for medical assistance reimbursement. The department may exempt qualified service providers and providers of institutional care services from this requirement.
3. Review and develop recommendations for the improvement of mental health treatment and services including the use of prescription drugs for medical assistance recipients.
4. Review and develop recommendations regarding whether the number of medical assistance recipients who are placed in out-of-state nursing homes should be reduced.
5. Review and develop recommendations regarding whether the use of post-office addresses or street addresses are the appropriate mailing addresses for medical assistance recipients.
6. Review and develop recommendations regarding whether to require medical assistance providers to secure prior authorization for certain high-cost medical procedures.
7. Review and develop recommendations regarding whether a system for providing and requiring the use of photo identification medical assistance cards for all medical assistance recipients should be implemented.
8. Review and develop recommendations regarding whether medical assistance providers should be required to use tamper-resistant prescription pads.
9. Develop a plan to provide information to blind and disabled medical assistance recipients who may be eligible for part D benefits under the

Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 [Pub. L. 108-173; 117 Stat. 2066; 42 U.S.C. 1396kk-1]. The information must inform recipients of part D benefits for which the recipient may be eligible.

10. Review and recommend a plan for implementing the necessary infrastructure to permit risk-sharing arrangements between the department and medical assistance providers.

**SECTION 3. REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.** During the 2005-06 interim, the department of human services shall report to the legislative council regarding the development of recommendations required in section 2 of this Act."

Page 1, after line 23, insert:

**"SECTION 5. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly