

SENATE BILL NO. 2342

Introduced by

Senators Thane, Fischer, Mathern

Representatives Aarsvold, Hawken

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-24.1 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to developmental disabilities service providers.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 50-24.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Operating costs for developmental disabilities service providers - Definitions.**

- 7 1. The department of human services shall establish a composite index or indices
8 based on the average of the increase in the data resources, incorporated, nursing
9 home input price index and the increase in the consumer price index for all urban
10 wage earners and clerical workers (all items, United States city average) to be
11 applied to all operating cost categories for non-state-operated developmental
12 disabilities service providers.
- 13 2. An appropriate composite economic change index may be used for purposes of
14 adjusting historical costs for direct care, other direct care, and indirect care and for
15 purposes of adjusting limitations of direct care costs, other direct care costs, and
16 indirect care costs, but may not be used to adjust property costs.
- 17 3. For purposes of this section:
- 18 a. "Appropriate composite economic change index" means one-half of the
19 increase, if any, in the consumer price index, plus one-half of the increase, if
20 any, in the data resources, incorporated, North Dakota-specific nursing home
21 input price index.
- 22 b. "Data resources, incorporated, North Dakota-specific nursing home input
23 price index" means:

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- 1 (1) For purposes of determining the adjustment factor applicable to
2 historical costs for direct care, other direct care, and indirect care, the
3 composite index for the eighteen-month period beginning immediately
4 after the report year ends; and
5 (2) For purposes of determining the adjustment factor applicable to the limit
6 rates for direct care, other direct care, and indirect care, the composite
7 index for the period beginning January 1, 2004, and ending at the end
8 of the rate year.