

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1407**

Introduced by

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Senator Kannianen

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-24.1-40 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to medical assistance tribal health care coordination agreements; to repeal section  
3 50-24.1-40 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to medical assistance tribal health care  
4 coordination agreements; to provide for ~~a-~~ legislative management ~~report~~ and legislative council  
5 reports; and to provide a continuing appropriation; and to provide a contingent effective date.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-24.1-40 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
8 amended and reenacted as follows:

9 **50-24.1-40. Medical assistance - Tribal health care coordination agreements -**  
10 **Continuing appropriation - Report to legislative management.**

11 1. As used in this section:

12 a. "Care coordination agreement" means an agreement between a health care  
13 provider and tribal health care organization which will result in one hundred  
14 percent federal funding for eligible medical assistance provided to an American  
15 Indian.

16 b. "Tribal health care organization" means Indian health services or a tribal entity  
17 providing health care under the federal Indian Self-Determination and Education  
18 Assistance Act of 1975 [Pub. L. 93-638; 88 Stat. 2203; 25 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.].

19 2. The department of human services shall facilitate care coordination agreements. Of  
20 any federal funding received in excess of the state's regular share of federal medical  
21 assistance funding which results from care coordination agreements, the department  
22 shall deposit ~~sixty~~ ninetyseventy percent in the tribal health care coordination fund and  
23 ~~forty~~ tenthirty percent in the general fund.

24 3. There is created in the state treasury a tribal health care coordination fund.

1 a. Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the department on a continuing basis for  
2 distribution to a tribal government in accordance with an agreement between the  
3 department and a tribal government. The agreement between the department  
4 and a tribal government must require the tribe to:

- 5 (1) Use use the money distributed under this section for ~~health-related~~  
6 ~~purposes related to the ten essential services of public health identified by~~  
7 ~~the federal centers for disease control and prevention and the development~~  
8 ~~or enhancement of community health representative programs or services;~~  
9 however, no more than thirty-five percent may be used for capital  
10 construction. ~~Health-related purposes may include population health-~~  
11 ~~programs or services, marketing or education related to health-related~~  
12 ~~programs or services, or developing or enhancing community health-~~  
13 ~~representative programs or services. Health-related purposes may not~~  
14 ~~include capital construction, stipends to individuals for services, or services~~  
15 ~~that are covered by Indian health services, Medicaid, or other third-party~~  
16 ~~payers, or state-funded programs.~~  
17 (2) Submit to the department annual reports detailing the use of the money  
18 distributed under this section.  
19 (3) Submit to the department every two years an audit report, conducted by an  
20 independent licensed certified public accountant, of the tribal government  
21 use of the money distributed under this section. A tribal government may  
22 use money distributed under this section to pay for this audit report. At the  
23 discretion of a tribal government, an audit may be conducted more often  
24 than every two years.

25 b. The distribution of moneys from the fund to a tribal government must be in  
26 proportion to the federal funding received from care coordination agreement  
27 requests for services originating from within that tribal nation.

28 c. At least annually, upon completion of any auditing and verification actions of the  
29 department, the department shall distribute moneys from the fund to the tribal  
30 government.

1 d. If a tribal government fails to file with the department a timely annual report or  
2 audit report, the department shall withhold distribution of moneys from the fund to  
3 the tribal government until the report is filed.

4 e. If an audit report or the department's review of the annual report finds a tribal  
5 government used moneys distributed from the fund for a purpose inconsistent  
6 with this section, the department shall withhold future distributions to that tribal  
7 government in an amount equal to the money used improperly. The department  
8 shall distribute money withheld from a tribal government under this subdivision if  
9 a future audit report indicates moneys distributed from the fund are used for  
10 purposes consistent with this section.

11 4. Before August of each even-numbered year, ~~the:~~

12 a. ~~The~~ department shall compile and summarize the annual reports and audit  
13 reports from the participating tribal governments data and provide the legislative  
14 management with a biennial report on the fund and tribal state government use of  
15 money distributed from the fund.

16 b. ~~The Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, Spirit Lake Tribe,~~  
17 ~~Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians~~  
18 ~~each~~ Each participating tribe shall compile data and provide the legislative  
19 management with a biennial report on the ~~tribes'~~ tribe's use of money distributed  
20 from the fund.

21 **SECTION 2. REPEAL.** Section 50-24.1-40 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.

22 **SECTION 3. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE**  
23 **COUNCIL.** On January 2, 2023, the executive director of the department of human services  
24 shall certify to the legislative council whether any care coordination agreements have been  
25 facilitated under section 50-24.1-40 by December 31, 2022. If no care coordination agreements  
26 have been facilitated, the executive director also shall certify this status to the secretary of state.

27 **SECTION 4. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 2 of this Act becomes effective on  
28 January 3, 2023, if the executive director of the department of human services certifies to the  
29 secretary of state and to the legislative council that by December 31, 2022, no care coordination  
30 agreements have been facilitated under section 50-24.1-40.