

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to provide for the managed care development fund and the development of a
2 system for managing the health care needs of medical assistance patients; and to provide an
3 appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Managed care development fund - System of managing health care**
6 **needs of medical assistance patients - Annual report.** The managed care development
7 fund is established as a special fund in the state treasury. The department of human services
8 shall expend the moneys in the fund to develop and implement an integrated system for the
9 management of the health care needs of medical assistance patients, including expansion of
10 managed care and other risk-sharing options as negotiated with service providers, health care
11 cooperatives, or health care consortia. The system must provide for the development of a
12 medical assistance infrastructure, including information systems, case management, discharge
13 planning, alternative services, disease management, cost-benefit analysis, and quality care
14 tools. The system must meet the department's full-service specifications and must comply with
15 federal regulations. The department shall provide annually a cost-benefit analysis of the
16 system to the budget section of the legislative council.

17 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
18 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,000,000, or so
19 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for deposit in the
20 managed care development fund for the purpose of developing and implementing a system for
21 managing the health care needs of medical assistance patients as negotiated with service
22 providers, health care cooperatives, or health care consortia, in accordance with section 1 of
23 this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2007.