Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1432

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Representatives Price, Svedjan, Weisz

Senators Fischer, Holmberg, J. Lee

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota
- 2 Century Code, relating to health treatment management services for state employees and their
- 3 families; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

<u>Uniform group insurance program - Collaborative drug therapy program - Continuing appropriation.</u>

- 1. The board may establish a collaborative drug therapy program available to individuals in the medical and hospital benefits coverage group. The board shall receive bids for this program under section 54-52.1-04. The purpose of the collaborative drug therapy program is to improve the health of individuals in identified health populations and to manage health care expenditures.
- 2. Under the program, the board may involve physicians and pharmacists to coordinate health care for individuals in identified health populations in order to improve health outcomes and reduce spending on care for the identified health problem. Under the program pharmacists may be reimbursed for providing collaborative drug therapy services to covered individuals in the identified health population. To encourage enrollment in the plan, the board may provide incentives to covered individuals in the identified health population which may include waived or reduced copayment for related treatment drugs and supplies.
- 3. The board may request the assistance of the North Dakota pharmacists association to work with the board to provide annual outcome updates on the plan.
 The North Dakota pharmacists association may provide a standardized patient

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- self-management program to facilitate enrollment procedures, standards of
 evidence-based care, provide consistent documentation of clinical and economic
 outcomes, and provide an outcomes reporting system.
 - 4. The board may seek and accept private contributions, gifts, and grants-in-aid from the federal government, private industry, and other sources for a collaborative drug therapy program for identified health populations. Any funds that may become available through contributions, gifts, grants-in-aid, or other sources to the board for a collaborative drug therapy program are appropriated to the board on a continuing basis. Funds appropriated under this subsection may be spent only upon approval of the emergency commission.