

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2337

Introduced by

Senators Fischer, G. Lee, Triplett

Representative Hawken

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to a study of the state's medical assistance program; to provide a
3 continuing appropriation; to provide an appropriation; to provide an effective date; and to
4 provide an expiration date.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 created and enacted as follows:

8 **Medical assistance program analysis - Continuing appropriation.**

- 9 1. A medicaid medical advisory committee appointed by the executive director shall
10 study the state's medical assistance program, including options for service
11 delivery, benefit management, and reimbursement reform. The study is to result in
12 the preparation of a five-year and ten-year strategic plan for the North Dakota
13 medical assistance program. The legislative council shall engage consultant
14 services to undertake an analysis of the medical assistance program for the
15 preparation of the strategic plan. The consultant shall provide reports to the
16 medicaid medical advisory committee. The analysis must:
- 17 a. Gather data regarding the current categories of medical assistance
18 beneficiaries;
 - 19 b. Evaluate the current financial expenditures for medical assistance by county
20 and by category of aid and within those categories by type of service;
 - 21 c. Evaluate the current medical assistance reimbursement system;
 - 22 d. Evaluate issues related to beneficiary access to care in the medical
23 assistance program;

- e. Evaluate options for reform, including preventive services, case management, premium assistance programs, and the potential use of a pilot project for evaluating the effectiveness of reform options;
- f. Consider the health care studies and reforms occurring at both the national and state levels to ensure the state medical assistance strategic plan is compatible with the overall health care environment; and
- g. Information regarding the progress in the implementation of any medical assistance program management initiatives, including statewide targeted case management services and improvement of mental health treatment services.

2. The legislative council may accept gifts, grants, and donations from any source, including federal or private sources, to assist the medicaid medical advisory committee in conducting its study and obtaining consultant services under this section. Any gifts, grants, and donations received are appropriated to the legislative council on a continuing basis for the purpose of conducting the study of the state's medical assistance program and obtaining consultant services.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$100,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, and from special funds derived from federal funds or other income, the sum of \$100,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of paying the vendor under the contract with the legislative council for the cost of obtaining consultant services for the medical assistance program analysis and development of the strategic plan described in section 1 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of special funds derived from federal funds and other income the sum of \$50,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the legislative council for activities necessary in carrying out section 1 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act becomes effective on July 1, 2010.

SECTION 5. EXPIRATION DATE. Section 1 of this Act is effective through December 31, 2010, and after that date is ineffective.