

Sixty-second
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2221

Introduced by

Senator Mathern

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 medical assistance coverage by health insurance providers; and to
3 provide for a report to the legislative management.

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

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

7 **Provision through health providers - Waivers - Report to the legislative management.**

8 1. In lieu of traditional medical assistance coverage for medical assistance-eligible adults
9 in the caretaker adult group and for medical assistance-eligible adults in the
10 transitional medicaid group, the department of human services shall negotiate with
11 state and private entities to purchase private health insurance coverage and public
12 employees retirement system health insurance coverage. The department shall seek
13 appropriate waivers of the requirements of federal statutes or regulations as
14 authorized by federal law.

15 2. Effective January 1, 2012, the department of human services shall offer the provision
16 of health insurance coverage as provided for under subsection 1. Annually, the
17 department shall provide medical assistance-eligible adults in the caretaker adult
18 group and medical assistance-eligible adults in the transitional medicaid group the
19 opportunity to select whether to receive medical service coverage through the
20 traditional medical assistance program or whether to receive coverage through health
21 insurance.

22 3. Annually, the department of human services shall report to the legislative management
23 on the status of implementation of this section.