

Sixty-second  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2043**

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Long-Term Care Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a developmental disabilities system reimbursement project.

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

3 **SECTION 1. DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SYSTEM REIMBURSEMENT PROJECT.**

4 The department of human services, in conjunction with developmental disabilities service  
5 providers, shall develop a prospective or related payment system with an independent rate  
6 model utilizing the support intensity scale.

7 1. The department shall establish a steering committee consisting of representatives  
8 from all interested providers and department representatives. The steering committee  
9 shall guide the development of the new payment system including assisting a  
10 consultant to conceptualize, develop, design, implement, and evaluate a new payment  
11 system.

12 2. The department shall contract with a consultant by September 1, 2011, to develop, in  
13 collaboration with the steering committee, the payment system and the resource  
14 allocation model tying funding to support intensity scale assessed needs of clients.

15 3. After the prospective or related payment system rates are developed, the new rates  
16 must be tested on a sampling of clients and providers, the sample to be determined by  
17 the steering committee, allowing sufficient time to capture provider cost, client realized  
18 need, and service provision data. The consultant shall provide the appropriate  
19 sampling number to sufficiently test the rates, types of services, and needs of clients  
20 with the intent to include as many providers as fiscally feasible.

21 4. The department shall contract with a team of support intensity scale assessors by  
22 September 1, 2011. The team shall begin assessing immediately the identified client  
23 pilot group identified by the consultant contracted in subsection 2.

- 1        5.    Once testing is complete, the data must be analyzed by the consultant and the
- 2                consultant shall make any needed rate adjustments, resource allocation modifications,
- 3                or process assumptions.
- 4        6.    Beginning in June 2012, the department and the steering committee shall report
- 5                development activities and status information to an interim legislative committee.
- 6        7.    Implementation of any system developed under this Act may not occur before the
- 7                implementation of the department's new medicaid management information system.