

Sixty-second  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1395**

Introduced by

Representatives Kilichowski, Damschen, Weisz

Senators J. Lee, Marcellais

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a substance abuse services pilot voucher payment program; to  
2 provide a continuing appropriation; and to provide for a report to the legislative management.

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

4 **SECTION 1. SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES PILOT VOUCHER PAYMENT PROGRAM -**

5 **CONTINUING APPROPRIATION.** The department of human services shall establish and  
6 operate a pilot voucher payment program to provide substance abuse services for the biennium  
7 beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013. The pilot voucher payment program must  
8 consist of voucher use and provider choice as a method of providing substance abuse services  
9 to beneficiaries. The program must allow a voucher to be submitted to the beneficiary's provider  
10 of choice for payment of substance abuse services. The department of human services shall  
11 develop service agreements with substance abuse services providers to supply services in  
12 exchange for the vouchers, which may be presented to the department for payment as provided  
13 for in the agreement. The substance abuse services pilot voucher payment program must be  
14 developed to improve access to substance abuse services. The department of human services  
15 may accept and receive grants and other sources of funding for the pilot voucher payment  
16 program. All moneys received by the department as gifts, grants, or donations for the pilot  
17 voucher payment program under this section are appropriated and may be spent by the  
18 department for costs of the pilot voucher payment program for the biennium beginning July 1,  
19 2011, and ending June 30, 2013.

20 **SECTION 2. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES REVIEW - REPORT TO THE**

21 **LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.** The department of human services shall perform a  
22 comprehensive review of the substance abuse services pilot voucher payment program for the  
23 biennium beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013. The review must include  
24 information regarding the cost of substance abuse services provided through the pilot voucher

1 payment program compared to the cost of similar substance abuse services provided during the  
2 2011-13 biennium. The review must also analyze the effect of the substance abuse services  
3 pilot voucher payment program on access to care and outcomes.

4 The department of human services shall report the preliminary findings of the  
5 comprehensive review and any recommendations for continuation or expansion of the voucher  
6 payment program to the legislative management prior to September 30, 2012.