

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1512

Introduced by

Representatives Carlson, Delzer, Kreidt, Price

Senators Klein, J. Lee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a frontier and rural medical access grant program to provide
2 primary health care to the uninsured and underinsured in rural areas of the state; to provide for
3 a report to the legislative council; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Frontier and rural medical access grant program - Services to the**
6 **uninsured and underinsured - Grants - Report.**

- 7 1. The department of human services shall manage and administer a frontier and
8 rural medical access grant program designed to improve access to health care in
9 rural North Dakota.
- 10 2. The department of human services shall provide grants of no more than one
11 million dollars each to providers that will provide health care in rural areas to
12 ensure that individuals who reside in those areas have proper access to affordable
13 health care. The department shall establish a quadrant system that provides for a
14 single grant in each quadrant of the state.
- 15 3. The department of human services shall give preference to health care providers
16 that will focus on providing primary health care in rural areas and on facilitating the
17 access of underinsured and uninsured individuals to health care.
- 18 4. The grants awarded under this Act may be used to pay for services or assistance,
19 including preventive health care services, case management services, health
20 insurance premium assistance, and evaluation of the effectiveness of proposed
21 grant programs.
- 22 5. Before August first of every even-numbered year, the department of human
23 services shall provide a report to the legislative council regarding the status of the
24 program. The report must include information regarding administrative expenses,

1 quadrant organization, grant awards and recipient use of grant funds, and patients
2 served.

3 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
4 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$4,000,000, or so
5 much of the sum as may be necessary, and from the special funds derived from federal funds,
6 the sum of \$7,100,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of
7 human services for the purpose of administering and funding the health care service program
8 under section 1 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009.