

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
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Sixty-first  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2158**

Introduced by

Senators J. Lee, Warner, Dever

Representatives Hofstad, Kempenich, Potter

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 services provided by advanced registered nurse  
3 practitioners and physician assistants; to provide for legislative intent; and to declare an  
4 emergency.

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

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

8 **Medical assistance - Services provided by advanced registered nurse**  
9 **practitioners and physician assistants.** The medical assistance program must recognize  
10 advanced registered nurse practitioners and physician assistants as primary care providers  
11 with the same rights and responsibilities given primary care physicians under the medical  
12 assistance program. Any care provided by the advanced registered nurse practitioner or  
13 physician assistant as a primary care provider under the medical assistance program must be  
14 within the scope of the advanced registered nurse practitioner's or physician assistant's license.

15 **SECTION 2. DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT AMENDED PLAN.** Within thirty days of the  
16 effective date of this Act, the department of human services shall submit for approval an  
17 amended state plan to implement section 1 of this Act.

18 **SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.