

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Long-Term Care Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a developmental disabilities ~~service providers payment~~ system  
2 ~~pilot~~ reimbursement project.

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

4 **SECTION 1. DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ~~SERVICE PROVIDERS PAYMENT~~**  
5 **SYSTEM PILOTREIMBURSEMENT PROJECT.** The department of human services, in  
6 conjunction with developmental disabilities service providers, shall ~~implement~~ develop a  
7 prospective ~~payment system pilot project for developmental disabilities service providers, for the~~  
8 ~~biennium beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013.~~ or related payment with an  
9 independent rate model utilizing the support intensity scale.

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

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

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

- 1     4. The department shall contract with a team of support intensity scale assessors by  
2     September 1, 2011. The team shall begin assessing immediately the identified client  
3     pilot group identified by the consultant contracted in subsection 2.
- 4     5. Once testing is complete, the data must be analyzed by the consultant and the  
5     consultant shall make any needed rate adjustments, resource allocation modifications,  
6     or process assumptions.
- 7     6. Beginning in June 2012, the department and the steering committee shall report  
8     development activities and status information to an interim legislative committee.
- 9     7. Implementation of any system developed under this Act may not occur before the  
10    implementation of the department's new medicaid management information system.