

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with House Amendments  
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; and  
2 to provide an appropriation.

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

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

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

- 8 1. The department shall establish a steering committee consisting of representatives  
9 from all interested providers and department representatives. The steering committee  
10 shall guide the development of the new payment system including assisting a  
11 consultant to conceptualize, develop, design, implement, and evaluate a new payment  
12 system.
- 13 2. The department shall contract with a consultant by September 1, 2011, to develop, in  
14 collaboration with the steering committee, the payment system and the resource  
15 allocation model tying funding to support intensity scale assessed needs of clients.
- 16 3. After the prospective or related payment system rates are developed, the new rates  
17 must be tested on a sampling of clients and providers, the sample to be determined by  
18 the steering committee, allowing sufficient time to capture provider cost, client realized  
19 need, and service provision data. The consultant shall provide the appropriate  
20 sampling number to sufficiently test the rates, types of services, and needs of clients  
21 with the intent to include as many providers as fiscally feasible.
- 22 4. The department shall contract with a team of support intensity scale assessors by  
23 September 1, 2011. The team shall begin assessing immediately the identified client  
24 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.

8           **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general  
9           fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$887,500, or so much of the  
10          sum as may be necessary, and from special funds derived from federal funds and other income,  
11          the sum of \$887,500, to the department of human services for the purpose of the  
12          developmental disabilities system reimbursement project, for the biennium beginning July 1,  
13          2011, and ending June 30, 2013.