

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of health and human services
2 for the implementation of Medicaid plan amendments or Medicaid waivers related to institutions
3 for mental diseases; to provide a statement of legislative intent; and to provide for a report.

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

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES -**
6 **MEDICAID PLAN AMENDMENTS - FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION - REPORT TO THE**
7 **LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT - REPORT TO THE SEVENTY-FIRST LEGISLATIVE**
8 **ASSEMBLY.**

9 1. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not
10 otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$49,000, or so much of the sum as may be
11 necessary, to the department of health and human services for the purpose of
12 implementing Medicaid plan amendments and applying for Medicaid waivers under
13 section 1115 of the federal Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1315] to allow federal
14 funding reimbursement for services provided by institutions for mental diseases to
15 Medicaid beneficiaries between the ages of twenty-one and sixty-four, for the biennium
16 beginning July 1, 2027, and ending June 30, 2029. The department of health and
17 human services is authorized one full-time equivalent position to administer this
18 section.

19 2. The department of health and human services shall report to the legislative
20 management during the 2029-30 interim and to the seventy-first legislative assembly
21 regarding the status of any Medicaid plan amendments implemented and Medicaid
22 waivers applied for during the 2027-29 biennium.

23 **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - MEDICAID PLAN AMENDMENTS.** It is the intent of
24 the seventieth legislative assembly that the department of health and human services:

- 1 1. Consider and address future costs of treatments for Medicaid beneficiaries between
2 the ages of twenty-one and sixty-four with substance use disorders or serious mental
3 illness.
- 4 2. During the 2027-29 biennium, seek a Medicaid waiver to allow federal funding
5 reimbursement for services provided by institutions for mental diseases to Medicaid
6 beneficiaries between the ages of twenty-one and sixty-four.
- 7 3. Recognize the importance of seeking a Medicaid waiver to expand access to services
8 for Medicaid beneficiaries with substance use disorders or serious mental illness.