

Introduced by

Senators Mathern, Cleary, Lee

Representatives Hendrix, D. Johnston

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to long-term care services for patients with ventilator or psychiatric  
3 needs.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Long-term care services for patients with ventilator or psychiatric needs.**

8 1. The department shall establish four service regions in the state for the purpose of  
9 providing long-term care services to individuals with ventilator or psychiatric needs.

10 The department shall contract with a provider in each region to provide services.

11 2. If the department is unable to contract with an entity to provide services, the  
12 department shall pay the costs of providing care at a certified long-term care facility in  
13 another state.

14 3. The department may collaborate with neighboring states to ensure services are  
15 available to patients.

16 4. A long-term care facility is eligible to receive additional funding equivalent to the  
17 additional cost of care at an out-of-state facility if the long-term care facility provides  
18 documentation to the department that a patient receiving care at the facility has  
19 ventilator or psychiatric care needs and was receiving services at an out-of-state  
20 facility in the previous year.